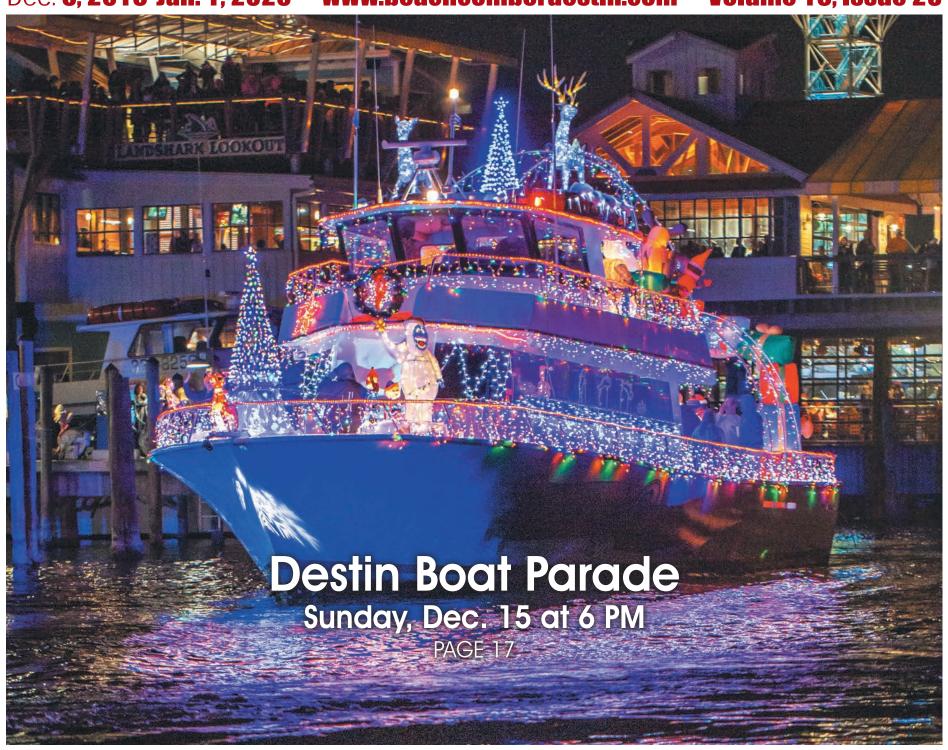
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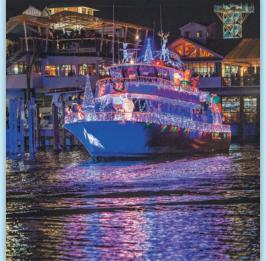
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Destin Boat Parade

Sunday, Dec. 15, on the Destin Harbor

Photo by Sarah Noonan

Opening Remarks...

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Here's to Our Best Year Ever...So Far

Somehow we managed to put out another year's worth of *Beachcombers*, and I'm forever indebted to the people who put it all together. And the people who read it and say nice things to me.

We had a great 2019, the highlight for me being the fact that we got our late April issue out while I was hospitalized, recovering from a heart attack. Can't wait to see what 2020 brings!

We continued to search high and low for the best in music, art, events, eating, drinking, etc. In 2020, we pledge to bring you even more useful—and fun—information, especially since there's a whole extra day in February.

The 2019 Beachcomber Music Awards—held on Okaloosa Island in August—was our 11th event and one of the most fun. We sponsored some other great to-dos this year—notably the Market Shops Bloody Festival and the Okaloosa RevFest, both held on the same day in November!—and will offer some more community support with the Destin Boat Parade **Dec. 15.**

We bid a tearful goodbye to some of the great Emerald Coast musicians—Buddy Brumit, Hans McMinamin, Ronnie Dents and Franko "Washboard" Jackson. I hope they're jamming their asses off in heaven.

I cannot sing enough praises to the great men and women that make this publication possible, mainly because I don't think anyone out there wants to hear me sing. Anyway, thanks to Tosha Manke, Bruce Collier, Nikki Hedrick, Samantha Lambert, Paula Hilton, Charles Morgan, Clay Jones, Carl Hiaasen and all of the talented artists and photographers whose work has appeared on our cover.

And our advertisers. Couldn't do it without you and wouldn't want to try.

I'm excited about a couple of new features in this issue, Jane Cooks for You by Jane Morgan and our health and fitness column from Carl "Redbeard" Simpson. Look for many more fresh offerings in 2020...we plan to grow this baby 'til *Beachcomber* becomes as unwieldy as a set of old encyclopedias.

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Merry Christmas, and see you next year.

Love, Editor Manson

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Release Nonviolent Felons Convicted Before Florida Lawmakers Relaxed Harsh Sentences

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency things, repealed the archaic sentenc-

The push for far-reaching prison reform, supported by both political parties, has overlooked the plight of hundreds of Florida inmates who remain unjustly locked up.

Legislators have been reducing sentences for drug possession and other nonviolent crimes, but they've failed to apply the new laws retroactivelystranding people who received harsh "minimum-mandatory" sentences before the reforms were put in place.

A disturbing investigative report by the Tampa Bay Times has focused on the case of Jomari DeLeon, a mother of three who's serving a 15-year term for selling 48 hydrocodone pills for \$225 to an undercover cop.

That happened in 2011. If DeLeon had committed the same crime in 2016, she would already be free. Her only previous brush with the law was a minor traffic infraction.

DeLeon thought she might be released after the Republican-led Legislature rewrote some 1990s-era drug laws that lawmakers such as Rob Bradley, a former prosecutor, called "draconian."

Almost everyone involved in the justice system agreed that the state's prisons were swelling up with addicts, not high-level dealers. It was costing taxpayers a fortune, and doing nothing to curb the pill epidemic.

One Orange County judge, forced to impose a 15-year sentence an oxycodone user who forged his prescriptions, complained: "We get the addicted and we get the organized crime, all treated the same under the wording of the Legislature. We have to enforce the laws, and we're stuck with them."

That has changed as legislators passed new sentencing thresholds, one of which more than tripled the number of pain pills that would trigger the tougher prison terms for sellers.

But DeLeon and many others sentenced under the old law didn't get released, as they'd hoped. A 131-yearold clause buried deep in the Florida Constitution barred retroactive reductions of prison terms, even if the laws were rewritten.

Last year, voters approved Amendment 11, which, among other ing restriction and gave legislators a clear path to freeing inmates who've already served more time than the current laws mandate.

But the Legislature hasn't done anything, and appears to be in no hurry.

Rep. Robert "Alex" Andrade, a Republican from Pensacola, filed a bill that would let judges resentence prescription-drug violators convicted under the old laws. He's not optimistic that the measure will pass.

It's hard to understand how the consciences of legislative leaders aren't troubled by the fact that someone like DeLeon could be sitting in a cell for years to come, while others recently convicted of similar crimes will serve much less time-and, conceivably, could be freed before she is.

Even Oklahoma, a state not famous for progressive reform, has done more than Florida to fix sentencing inequities. Earlier this month, 462 inmates convicted of nonviolent crimes were released in a single day.

It happened after voters there overwhelmingly approved a plan to cut prison populations by reclassifying many nonviolent felonies as misdemeanors. Oklahoma legislators did the morally right thing and made the new laws retroactive, effectively freeing most inmates who'd been sentenced under the older, more severe rules.

In addition, Oklahoma is now devoting modest resources to help released prisoners re-enter society, which is vital to minimizing the rate of recidivism. State officials say that releasing the 462 inmates will save \$12 million in prison housing costs.

If Florida's lawmakers remain unmoved by the injustice of their alarmed by the dumb waste of government dollars.

The Times project made public an analysis by the nonpartisan Crime and Justice Institute estimating that as many as 640 current Florida inmates are, like DeLeon, serving outdated sentences for selling painkillers.

Another study by the Project on Accountable Justice, based at Florida State University, puts the number of prisoners in that group as high as 935.

The newspaper cited data from the Department of Corrections stating that Florida taxpayers currently spend almost \$21 million to incarcerate 935 people for one year. Multiply that sum by the length of each inmate's sentence, and you'll get an idea of how expensive it is for the Legislature to do nothing.

own inaction, they should at least be And that doesn't include the human cost, which is incalculable.

> After two trials, Jomari DeLeon is now in the third year of her 15-year sentence at the Gadsden Correctional Facility in Quincy. She hopes Florida lawmakers will follow Oklahoma's lead when they convene in January, and that she can soon be reunited with her family.

> "Home is just everything to me right now," she told the Times. "I know that the years with my kids, I can't make

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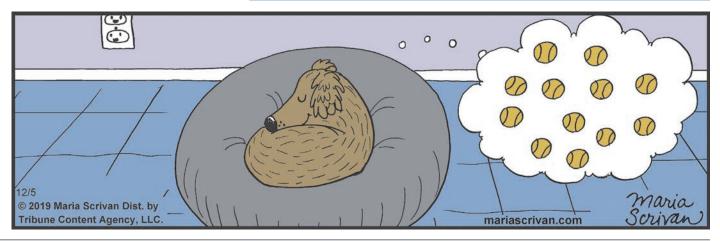
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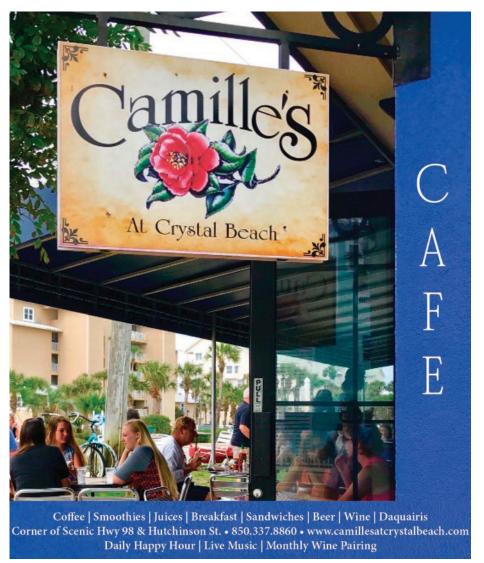




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In Memoriam: Harold Destin

By Charles Morgan III

lived in Destin for 64 years.

Harold's father, Chubby Destin, ran the Shooting Star for many years. His mother Pat ran the booking booths. I first met Susan, Harold's sister, when she was babysitting for Tommy and Janie Browning at their house on Calhoun Avenue. I stayed across the street and one day when I was running, I saw Susan in a pair of cut off jeans. She was the cutest girl in Destin

Harold was a father to Kristin and Anytime he visited Harbor Docks, Andrew.

The Shooting Star was a low-slung Thompson boat with a corn yellow hull. Chubby was a classic captain, always wearing the khaki pants and shirt that was the uniform in the 1960s.

Harold followed his father into the fishing business.

That's kind of where Harold stayed. Immigrants to this country assimilate with varying degrees of success and acceptance. Harold lived in a town that was beset by waves of domestic migrants and transplants—people primarily from the south who moved to Destin, some seeking fortune and some just seeking a better place to live.

Harold wasn't much on assimilating $into \, the \, new \, Destin. \, He \, had \, little \, interest$ in t-shirt shops, jet skis, pontoon boats, restaurants, or condominiums. The acquisition of money didn't mean much to him. Harold likely never spent a day cavorting on the famous white sand beaches.

Harold ran charter boats and private boats. and everyone knew that Harold could catch fish.

One spring, 25 years ago, Harold took my son Eddie and little Peter Wright cobia fishing on the Hey Bubba. They saw 90 fish. They caught 16 and kept six. I don't think Eddie's ever been the

A father tends to think highly of another man who takes his son fishing.

Harold had a quiet presence. He was big and strong as a bull. Sometimes he looked a little rough. But he had a soft, gravelly baritone voice. His accent was more salty than southern.

A gathering of Harold's friends would be a rogues' gallery of old Destin. He

fished with Little Jimmy Shirah, Tim Hannah, Pat Haney, Randy Davis, Harold Destin died last week. He had Dewey Destin, Jimmy Patzig, Tommy Norred, Russell Wilbanks, Johnny Doylan, Peter Wright, Tony and Frank Davis, Tommy Green, Tyree Destin, Jim Stanley, Andy Anderson, Tommy Browning, Mike Garcia, and many

> Harold and I were the same age. Like many people in our generation, Harold wandered into some issues that cause health problems later in life. But just as he fell into some not-so-great habits, he worked his way out of them.

> you knew it. The barroom, in unison, would simply roar, "Harold!" In his younger days, it might have been a cry for caution. Later, it was an expression of joy that Harold decided to stop by. If there wasn't a seat at the bar, someone with an appreciation of seniority would get up and offer their barstool to Harold.

I was fortunate to fish with Harold.



Hey Baby. We'd caught cobia between Navarre and Pensacola Beach all day. On our way home, just east of the Okaloosa Island pier, in the dead zone, Harold spotted a big fish.

Unlike so many of the kids who graduated from piers to boats, there was no urgency, no screaming or frantic, zippy, line-drive casting to the cobia.

In no hurry at all, he took the boat out of gear, pulled a rod from the rod holder and cast a jig in a high,

The last time we fished was on the lazy arc. The jig landed three feet in front of the fish and with little effort and less emotion, Harold hooked the cobia. I'll always remember that afternoon.

> Harold Destin was a calm, friendly, lovable guy in a burly, sun blasted, salt sprayed package.

> I'll remember Harold for taking my son fishing. I'll remember him for fishing with me. I'll remember him as one of the people that made Destin so unique and special.



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Outdoors

The Beachcomber Fishing Report



By Phillip Houston of The Dawn Patrol

The holiday season is here! Please don't forget to take some time for yourself and get out on the water. Fishing this time of the year is worth it. There is nothing better than some fresh seafood in your holiday dinner plans.

Inshore fishing is staying on the steady rise. The flounder bite is getting hotter every day. Your ideal situation is to get some live bull minnows and hit some inshore bottom spots. Be ready this time of the year for flounder, trout, redfish and black drum. Check a little further offshore for some catches of amberjack, grouper, vermillion snapper or scamp.

Bay fishing is still steady with catches of trout, redfish, sheephead and flounder. Baits of choice in the bay vary for your target species, so be prepared. You never know what the day will bring. If it's flounder you're looking for, stay with live bull minnows. But don't be afraid of using artificial bait as well, like belly strips, DOA lures.

Berkely gulps work great. Redfish will be caught on live shrimp, pinfish or croakers. My favorite is the live croakers. Fish these live baits with Carolina rigs on the bottom around deepwater bridges, docks and channels. Looking for trout? You'll generally find them back in the bayous around deepwater boat docks, bridges and wherever you can find deep holes. Fish for trout with the same bait as redfish.

Look to do some pier, bridge or surf fishing as the weather gets colder. Look for fast action with the winter bonitas showing up. When they do, its generally in large numbers. Always be on the lookout for birds, as typically underneath them, you'll see them crashing the baits on top of the water.

White jigs, spoons and bubble rigs seem to work the best. If you're looking to do a little surf fishing, the action will consist of redfish, black drum and whiting—however, it's not uncommon to catch a pompano as well.

Have a great holiday season. We'll see you out on the water!



G.I. Jade Tiki Bar & Bistro: Have a Round at Marker 21

By Bruce Collier

G.I. Jade Tiki Bar & Bistro in Fort Walton Beach has been open just a few months. The restaurant sits on the harbor, at the Marker 21 Marina. There's a main building with an inside bar and dining room, a dining and service bar area just behind that, and the tiki bar, right on the water.

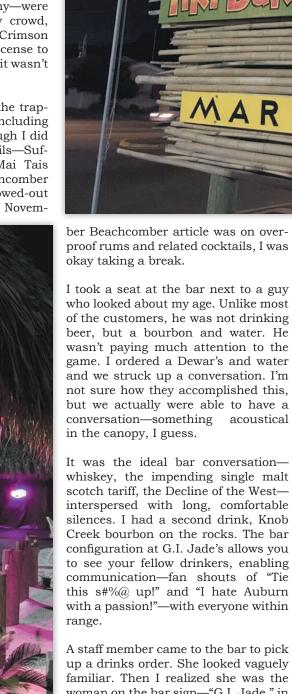
There's also an open-air space, with sand and picnic tables. In keeping with the name, you'll see plenty of thatch, fronds and carved tiki figures. There's also respect for the armed forces—a carefully tended memorial to a fallen soldier, placed in the sand. These cold evenings, the management has thoughtfully provided canopies and tent covers throughout, with space heaters to keep off the chill.

I stopped at G.I. Jade on a recent weekend. The main building looked to be pretty quiet inside, but the sound of laughter and cheering drew me toward the back. I passed by the service bar/ dining area and was greeted by a serv-

er, who invited me to sit anywhere. People were seated at tables enjoying their meals (and the space heaters), but I was there just for drinks. The server directed me to the tiki bar, which sits on the dock, next to the Marker 21 sign. It too was wrapped for warmth.

The bar is square, with seats all around and the bartenders in the middle. There's a TV at each end-Georgia was playing Auburn—and all but a few seats were occupied. The bar staff-Lisa and company-were busy taking care of a lively crowd, most of whom seemed to be Crimson Tide fans, which gave them license to cheer or boo both teams. And it wasn't even six o'clock yet.

G.I. Jade's dock bar has all the trappings of a beach or tiki bar, including a list of frozen daiquiris, though I did not see a menu of tiki cocktails-Suffering Bastards, Zombies, Mai Tais or assorted Don the Beachcomber libations served in the hollowed-out heads of gods. But since my Novem-



It was the ideal bar conversationwhiskey, the impending single malt scotch tariff, the Decline of the Westinterspersed with long, comfortable silences. I had a second drink, Knob Creek bourbon on the rocks. The bar configuration at G.I. Jade's allows you to see your fellow drinkers, enabling communication-fan shouts of "Tie this s#%@ up!" and "I hate Auburn with a passion!"—with everyone within range.

A staff member came to the bar to pick up a drinks order. She looked vaguely familiar. Then I realized she was the woman on the bar sign—"G.I. Jade," in military fatigues and bandanna. I was too far away to ask for confirmation, but the guy next to her did (I read his right" sort of nod.

My acquaintance and I shook hands and he headed out. I had a last drink, a draft Shock Top Belgian White beer with a juicy garnish of orange. It was my first Shock Top, and I regret all the snarky comments I've made about it in the past. The football game was coming to an end, a husband and wife were necking more or less discreetly, and people were ordering snacks and

The restaurant has a full menu (including kids' meals), with starters, salads, baskets, tacos, "Po' Girl" sandwiches, pizzas, steak and ribs, and pasta plates. The servers seem willing to take the food anywhere you're sitting, so don't be shy about pulling up a seat at the bar and chowing down.

G.I. Jade's might be a little chilly here and there for the time being, but the staff all seems united in making customers welcome, warm and well topped-up.

G.I. Jade Tiki Bar & Bistro is located at 38 Miracle Strip Parkway SW in Fort Walton Beach and is open daily from 11 AM until 11 PM-midnight Saturdays and Sundays. The telephone number is 850-374-8454.





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Delicious and Riffable Holiday Recipes

Hi! I'm Jane. I work as a private chef, caterer, and Preparation: recipe developer. I want to help people learn to love cooking with approachable, easy to follow recipes that taste comforting and impressive.

Cooking at home should never feel monotonous or intimidating. All it takes is a few delicious and riffable recipes in your arsenal that you can whip up for yourself, your family or your guests, and you'll be a more confident home cook in no time. This column is a place to start.

This month, we're cooking for the holidays. Holiday cooking can feel intimidating, especially when you're hosting groups larger than you're used to, or bringing a dish as you meet people for the first time. These recipes will cover your appetizer, main dish, and dessert, and they're all scalable to feed a crowd without adding too much time in the kitchen. They're adaptable, so you can easily sub in ingredients you already have or prefer.

More than anything, what I love about these recipes is how communal they feel, encouraging groups to huddle around a spread with a dip in the middle, pass around a big pot of pasta, and go back to the tray of cookies for seconds (and thirds). Cooking this way embodies what the holidays are all about for me—spending time with loved ones and coming together to have cozy, nourishing, and low-stress meals.

HERBY YOGURT DIP WITH LEMON AND **GARLICKY OLIVE OIL**



I love making some variation of this dip just about every time I have people over for dinner. It has all the bright, acidic flavors I crave this time of year when so much of the food is heavy and rich. It holds its own as the shining star of any snack spread, and works as a perfect distraction if you're running a little behind on the rest of your cooking. Don't fret-everyone's too busy snacking on the dip to realize.

Ingredients:

2 cups full fat Greek yogurt or sour cream

- 1 lemon
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 1 shallot or ½ of a red onion
- 1 cup of chopped herbs (any combination of parsley, dill, chives, mint, cilantro, and basil is perfect here)
- 1/3 cup olive oil

Sliced carrots, cucumbers, radishes, crusty bread, pita chips, kettle chips, or anything else you'd like to dip

1/4 cup distilled white, white wine, or apple cider vinegar

- 1. Wash and chop the herbs, and thinly slice the garlic and shallot.
- 2. Combine the yogurt with the juice of one lemon, salt, and pepper in a medium bowl. Then, add ¾ of the chopped herbs and stir well to combine.
- 3. In a small skillet, heat the olive oil over medium. Add the garlic and half of the shallots and saute, stirring occasionally, until golden brown and starting to crisp. Remove from heat and set aside to cool.
- 4. Meanwhile, combine the remaining shallot slices in a small bowl with the vinegar and season with salt and pepper. Set aside until ready to serve. (This is a quick pickle, so they only need to sit for a few minutes if you're in a rush)
- Combine the garlic, shallots, and the olive oil they simmered in with the dip and gently swirl it in. Season with salt and pepper to taste, and top with remaining herbs and quick pickled

RIGATONI WITH DELICATA SQUASH AND KALE



This is my go-to winter pasta. It tasted so warming and nourishing, with all my favorite fall flavors on display. Pasta is my favorite thing to make for a crowd because it's easily modifiable for allergies and dietary restrictions. It's also just usually what people want to eat. Serves 4-6.

Ingredients:

- 1 delicata squash (butternut works too)
- 1 bunch of Tuscan kale
- 5 cloves of garlic
- 1 shallot
- 1 lb rigatoni or other pasta
- Olive oil

Parmesan for serving (optional) Red pepper flakes (optional)

Preparation:

- 1. Preheat your oven to 425.
- 2. Prep your ingredients! Smash the garlic cloves until they break down, thinly slice the shallot, wash and scrub the squash, and wash the kale. Cut the squash down the middle and spoon out the seeds if you'd like (I leave them in! They add a nutty crunch and a nice texture), then slice it into 1/4-inch pieces. They will look like little Cs or crescent moons or parentheses. Try to keep the thickness consistent so they cook more evenly. Cut the bottoms of your kale stems off and chop or tear your kale into smallish pieces.
- 3. Toss the squash with salt, pepper, red pepper flakes if using, and olive oil on a baking sheet and arrange in a single layer. Cook for about 20 minutes or until tender and golden, then remove from oven and set aside.
- 4. While your squash is roasting, bring a pot of heavily salted water to a boil and cook your pasta until it's just al dente, making sure to reserve at least a cup of pasta water before draining.
- 5. Meanwhile, heat about 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a Dutch oven, large pot, or skillet over medium, and add the shallots and garlic. Sauté, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, then

add kale, salt, pepper, and cook until kale wilts and is tender.

- 6. When your pasta and squash are finished cooking, add them to the kale with at least 3/4 cup of pasta water and toss vigorously until the pasta is glossy and evenly coated. Grate as much parmesan as your heart desired into the mix and combine until it's melted and evenly distributed, adding more pasta water as
- 7. Top with some flaky salt, more red pepper flakes if desired, and more parm!

MISO PEANUT BUTTER CHOCOLATE CHIP **COOKIES**



This is a cookie recipe I developed this fall because I needed something to do with all the miso I had in the fridge. The result is my ideal chocolate chip cookie. They're deeply savory, nutty, and chewy while retaining a satisfying crunch. This is also a great excuse to stock up on miso paste to use for future soups and as a way to lend a deeper, more complex flavor to sauces and stir-fries. It's a winter staple for me.

The best part about this recipe is that it makes around 50 cookies, so this is a great one to liven up a cookie swap, or share with people as holiday treats!

Ingredients:

- 3 ½ cups all purpose flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking soda
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (two sticks) room temperature unsalted butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 1/4 cups brown sugar
- 1/4 cup white miso paste
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups chopped dark chocolate or chocolate chips

Preparation:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350, and line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
- Whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in a medium bowl.
- Using a stand mixer or a large bowl and a hand mixer, mix butter and both sugars together on medium speed until super
- 4. Add one egg at a time, mixing in between until incorporated, then add vanilla, miso, and peanut butter, and mix until well
- Gradually add in the flour mixture until incorporated, then fold in the chocolate with a spoon or spatula, and stir until evenly
- Scoop out tablespoons of dough, roll them into balls, and place about 2 inches apart on your parchment-lined baking sheets, pressing them down a bit as you go.
- Bake until golden brown, about 10 minutes, and let cool on a

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Baked, Not Fried: Destin's Island Wing Co.



It's a cool evening. Fall has set in, I finally order a cabernet. Not nearly the crowds are low and the locals are out. It's Friday night and I'm headed to Winn-Dixie but see the glow of the **Island Wing Co.** beckoning me. It's a good logo, nice brand. Not sure why that makes a difference to me, but for some reason, I feel like people who have their brand together will have their food together, too.

The restaurant is located in the Destin Winn-Dixie shopping center, so it's obvious people don't come here for the view. Upon entering, no one greets me, but I'm happy to see a smattering of people in the booths and at the bar. An empty restaurant-even out of season-makes a person nervous.

I sit, and a regular starts chatting me up. She's kind and sweet and has brought a book. She's lived around the corner for 30 years, and I feel a little bit of old Destin is sitting next to me. The bartender asks if I know what I want or do I need to see a list.

A computerized list is brought to me. Happy hour is pretty good, lots of beers and 2 for 1 wine. It's not fancy wine, but it's a wing place so taps of beer are the norm. And boy, do they have the norm. A wall of taps of every beer you could imagine. I see the bartender questioning patrons who have tried beer on tap. It's apparent that she wants them to be happy.

as interesting as the coconut martinis, mai tais and mojitos on the menu, but I'm boring in my consumption. The bartender lets me know it's BOGO.

My regular friend is chatting me up as I notice on the big screen that dogs are allowed on the patio. I immediately feel guilty that my dogs are locked up at home, but make a note for a future lunch. They would like it here, I think.

After looking over the menu, it's a tough decision. Ahi poke nachos, happy hour sliders for \$6, or wings. I'm assured that all are super delicious, but I'm guided towards the wings or nachos by both the bartender and the regular. I decide that I'm at the Island Wing Co., so I better do the wings.

Funny thing here—Island Wing Co. doesn't have a fryer in the back. Everything is baked, the wings and the fries. How does this play out? Deliciously, and in a low calorie format. Both big favorites of mine.

I'm glad I wandered into Island Wing Co., and I'll definitely go again. The staff made me feel welcome even though I was by myself, the food was good and baked, and I still have to try those ahi nachos. Hope to see you in there, too.

- The Mystery Diner

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AMERICAN

BAXTER'S BAR & GRILLE is off the beaten path but well worth it. Great food and environment for all. Our burgers and deli meat are cut fresh daily. never frozen. Try our smoked wings or handtossed pizza. Great prices! Join us for your events or parties in our dining room. Several TVs, pool tables, darts. Cribbage Tuesday nights starting at 7. Veteran owned. Closed Mondays605 James Lee Road, Fort Walton Beach, 850-812-6868.

RESTAURANT PARADIS Nestled in the beautiful coastal town of Rosemary Beach, you'll find this hidden gem that loyal customers like to call home. Evoking a warm neighborhood feel, the dining area features an understated wine country elegance. Open for dinner beginning at 5 PM, Paradis is committed to serving fresh seasonal ingredients, which celebrate local produce and an abundance of fresh Gulf seafood, along with prime steaks and fine wines. Paradis welcomes wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, and all celebrations, both intimate and large. Come join us! Located at 82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach. Call 850-534-0400 or visit www.restaurantparadis.com.

SLICK MICK'S is a family-friendly sports bar and a locals' favorite. Home of the Slick Mick's Philly Cheesesteak, award-winning pizza and much more. Live music every Friday and Saturday, and a Sunday brunch that will knock your church socks off! Full football coverage—catch SEC, BIG 10 and NFL games, plus UFC fight nights. Kids eat FREE every Tuesday. Full bar with a variety of beers on tap. Daily happy hour, 3-7 PM. Can't make it in? That's okay, we have delivery. Veteran owned and operated, we are proud to serve our community and offer military discounts. 19 Eglin Parkway NE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-864-5577.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, AMong many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, ragulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French creampuffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3. Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

BACK BEACH BARBECUE offers a delicious yet refined menu highlighted by 12-hour slow cooked meats simple homemade sides aluten-free options and four sauces made special in house. At the center of attention are the restaurant's two wood fired pits, "Smokey" and "The Bandit," easily viewed and smelled from the covered patio, outdoor patio or via two garage doors which give

the restaurant a true open-air feel. Back Beach Barbecue also offers catering for private and corporate events, delivery and a mobile food truck. The restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, beginning at 6:30 AM. Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. Call 850-249-0822 or visit www.backbeachbarbecue.com.

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-6 PM Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911. www. restaurantji.com/fl/miramar-beach/lillies-q-.

BREAKFAST & MORE

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

GRITS AND GRIND In 2011, a love affair between Memphis and the NBA Grizzlies began. With a Grit and Grind style of basketball, this southern team exemplifies hard work. Our owners bring the same commitment to hard work and fresh food at Grits & Grind, a breakfast establishment located in Seacrest Beach. We serve up a great southern breakfast and more, with friendly service in a fun atmosphere. Open daily, 7-11 AM. 10343 E Co. Hwy. 30A, Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021. gritsandgrindbreakfast.com.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 AM-3 PM daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 AM - 2 PM Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

BURGERS

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-4100. ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

CASUAL DINING

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

CHICAGO STYLE HOT DOGS AND ITALIAN BEEFS

THE FRANK & BEEF CONNECTION is the only exclusive Vienna Beef vendor on the Emerald Coast serving authentic Chicago style hotdogs, Polish and Italian beefs. All ingredients (except onions, tomatoes and potatoes) are shipped from the



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CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK IF you're looking for something different in town for the whole family, come enjoy Graffiti & The Funky Blues Shack. We've been around for 20-plus years doing what we do best – FOOD + MUSIC! Our dishes are tried and true and are sure to satisfy everyone in your group. Our menu showcases a little bit of everything. We offer some of the best gourmet pizzas and pastas in town. We also prepare fresh caught Gulf seafood and perfectly grilled filets. Vegetarian? No worries, we've got you covered, too. While enjoying your delectable meal, you will also experience listening or boogieing to some of the best local and out-of-town talent. We have Jazz Jams, Blues Jams, and everything in between. We weren't voted Best Live Music Venue three years in a row for nothing! Summer music schedule is seven days a week—Sun.-Thu., 7-10 PM and Fri. and Sat., 8 PM until... We have a full bar and offer an early Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, as well as a late night Happy Hour Friday and Saturday (check website for time). Located at 34902 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. For reservations, call 850-424-6650. Full menu and music schedule at GraffitiFBS.com.

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. Redd the Singing Bartender sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit **www.reddsfuel.com** and find Redd's Pub N Song on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. **GraffitiFBS.com**

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. www.theredbar.com.

FINE DINING

EDWARD'S FINE FOOD AND WINE Relax, you're at Edward's. Open everyday from 5 PM until everyone is full. Courtyard and indoor seating available. Join us at the chef's counter, and watch as the team prepares gourmet dishes to order. We love children, so for safety and as a courtesy to others, children must remain seated with their parents. We operate on a first come first serve and do not take reservations. We look forward to serving you. 66 Main Street, Rosemary Beach, 850-231-0550. **Edwards30a.**

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 AM-3 PM and 5-9 PM 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatalysbeach.net.

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni's latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 PM 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. **GraffitiFBS.com**

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and AManda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 PM 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.



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LATIN / MEXICAN

BUD & ALLEY'S TACO BAR Shake the sand off your feet, choose a colorful table, and get ready to experience South of the Border favorites, Florida-style. Baja fish tacos, homemade guacamole, burritos, top shelf margaritas, and ice cold cerveza hit the spot for lunch or dinner. Open daily, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-4781. **BudAndAlleys.com.**

LA COCINA is a Latin-inspired restaurant featuring both specialty dishes with a Latin flair as well as classic Tex-Mex cuisine. Nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach (in Seacrest Beach), the friendly staff offers some of the best drinks along 30A, including house-made mojitos, sangria, and a selection of fresh-squeezed lime margaritas. La Cocina is always voted as one of South Walton's hot spots for Mexican cuisine. All dishes are prepared from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. Open daily for lunch, 11:30 AM-3 PM, dinner from 5 to 9 PM. Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. **www.lapazdestin.com.**

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. **www.mypepitos.com**.

ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. ROCKINTACOS.COM

PIZZA & PASTA

BUD & ALLEY'S PIZZA BAR + TRATTORIA Savor artisan cheese, fresh salad, antipasto dishes, homemade soups, seasonal vegetables, hearty pastas and wood-fired pizza. Experience these authentic flavors in the courtyard, fireside at the bar, or on the veranda overlooking the Gulf. Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-3113. BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. **GraffitiFBS.com**

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

SEAFOOD

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Destin, 850-654-2722. **CRABTRAPFLORIDA. COM**

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-301-0959. CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM

DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANTThe classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based

items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 AM 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

DEWEY DESTIN'S NAVARRE All your favorites, plus live music with Beachcomber Music Award winner Austin Jennings every Saturday night from 8 to 11. Open Sun.-Thu., 11 AM-8 PM, and Fri.-Sat., 11 AM-9 PM. 8673 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, 850-710-7070.

DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 AM 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

FLOYD'S SHRIMP HOUSE Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-243-2232. FLOYDSSHRIMPHOUSE.COM

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 AM-9 PM for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 PM 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. **info@emeraldgrande.com.**

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. **harbordocks.com.**

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-7 PM 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.co.

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE'S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our qarlic crusted



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grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 AM 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you'll find us on the left side. **www.pompano-joes.com**. 850-837-2224.

SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with dozens of exotic fish. Our Gulf fresh seafood and choice steaks are AMazing. We welcome you to join us. Open daily—Sun.-Thu., 4-10 PM, Fri.-Sat., 4-11 PM. Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters "all ways," crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 AM to 10 PM Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 AM to 3 PM Beer, wine and live music at Stinky's Bait Shack from 6 to 9 PM 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

THE SURF HUT Miramar Beach, 850-460-7750. SURFHUTDESTIN.COM

SPORTS BARS

SLICK MICK'S19 Eglin Parkway NE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-864-5577. Please see full listing under American section.

STEAKS

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great food, exceptional service, our own craft brewed beers, and fun live entertainment. Open LATE, from 11 AM to 1:45 AM seven days a week. 33 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-650-0000, www. mcguiresirishpub.com.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 PM in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 PM For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit **www. RuthsChrisDestin.com.**

SALTWATER GRILL Open 4-10 PM 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, **saltwatergrillpcb.com**.

SAMUEL'S ROADHOUSE Steaks—USDA choice or higher, aged, and hand cut daily, coated with our signature sauce and fire-grilled. Burgers—juicy and fire-grilled, made from the trimmings of ribeyes, strips and tenderloins, lightly seasoned with unique texture and flavor. Plus seafood, salads, appetizers. Daily specials, full bar. Open for dinner Mon.-Thu. and Sunday, 5-9 PM; Friday and Saturday, 5-9:30 PM. Lunch Wednesday and Sunday, 11 AM-2 PM. 114 John King Road, Crestview, 850-423-1003. **www.samuelsroadhouse.com**

SUSHI

JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant

overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30'04.250N and 87'02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. www.jackacudas.com.

TAPAS AND WINE

LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE
Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring
unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European
vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we
encourage guests to share dishes, converse and
enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 AM-9 PM
38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282,
lacrematapas.com.

WATERFRONT DINING

BUD & ALLEY'S WATERFRONT RESTAURANT A pioneer of the fish- and farm-to-table movement, with an award-winning menu featuring Gulf Coast classics paired with Southern-style cuisine. The daily Sunset Celebration ritual on the Rooftop Deck overlooking the Gulf has been a tradition for more than 30 years. Open daily for breakfast (8-11 AM), lunch (11 AM-2:30 PM) and dinner (from 5 PM). Hours may vary. 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-5900. BudAndAlleys.com.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritavilleismorethanarestaurant; it's a state of mind. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM Five O'Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 PM 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. www.margaritavilledestin.com.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S DESTIN is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on the Choctawhatchee Bay in beautiful Destin, Florida. A little off the beaten path, but we like a little more room to breathe. Specializing in the BEST Burgers in Paradise, Southern Favorites and Lucy's own GUMBO LOVE! Family friendly! Come by boat, anchor and wade in or call for our boat shuttle. Open daily at 11 AM. Live music nightly. Separate allergy menu. Beach for the kids to play, Fountain of Youth, Lulu's Gift Shop. 850-710-LULU (5858). **www.lulubuffett.com/destin.**

VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named "Best Restaurant of 2014" by Beachcomber, Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 AM-2 PM; Tue.-Thu.—lounge 3-9 PM, dinner 5-9 PM; Fri.-Sat.—lounge 3-10 PM, dinner 5-10 PM; closed Mondays. Happy hour in the lounge only 3-6 PM. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 5-6 PM. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. **www. Vueon30a.com.**

WINE BARS

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR in Shalimar is an eclectic restaurant serving lunch and dinner with a varied menu of tapas style plates, flatbreads, Panini, award-winning ZinGouda burger and lasagna at dinnertime, and unique desserts. Our wine list includes wines from around the world. We host fundraising events and are available for any special occasion. Open Mon.-Thu. 11 AM-9 PM, 11 AM-10 PM Fridays, and 5-10 PM Saturdays. 1193 B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, 850-651-5100. twistedgrapewinebar.com

Where to Spend Your Happy Hours

BAXTER'S BAR & GRILLE

605 James Lee Road Fort Walton Beach 850-812-6868

When: 3-6 PM and 10 PM-Midnight daily. Closed Mondays (for now).

Drink Specials: \$3 wells, \$2 drafts.

CAMILLE'S AT CRYSTAL BEACH

2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin 850-337-8860

When: 3-5 PM daily.

Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille's Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FOKKER'S PUB

215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1, Fort Walton Beach

850-244-6666

When: 3-7 PM every day except Tuesday (closed).

Drink Specials: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 well drinks (Jack, Jim, Bacardi, etc.), \$3 house wines, \$1 off everything else.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK

34902 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin 850-424-6650

GraffitiFBS.com

When: 4-7 PM daily, late night happy hour Friday and Saturday, 10 PM-midnight.

GRANDE VISTA

Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin 850-337-8100, ext. 1550

When: 4-6 PM daily.

Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S

HarborWalk Village, Destin 850-654-4800

When: Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-7 PM—downstairs bar only.

Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

JACKACUDAS

HarborWalk Village, Destin 850-424-3507

When: Monday-Friday, 2-6 PM

Drink Specials: \$4 wells, \$4 house wine by the glass, \$4 domestic drafts. Plus \$5 appetizers (Dynamite Shrimp, Southern Fried Okra, Loaded Potato Chips) and \$6 select sushi rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE

HarborWalk Village, Destin 850-460-7700

When: Monday-Friday, 10 PM-close.

Drink Specials: \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and

chardonnay, \$5 "Who's to Blame" margaritas and "5 O'Clock Somewhere" cocktails.

LA PAZ

950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin 850-837-2247

When: 4-6 PM daily.

Drink Specials: \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

RESTAURANT PARADIS

82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach

850-534-0400

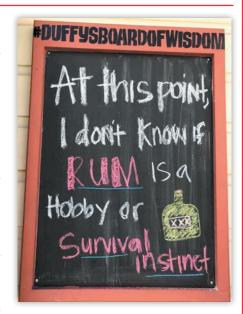
Drink Specials: Daily from 5 to 6 PM—New Amsterdam Vodka Martinis for \$5. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 PM—\$5 select martinis and \$7 select wines.

SAMMY'S

1224 Santa Rosa Blvd., Fort Walton Beach

When: Early happy hour, 1-6 PM Late night happy hour, 2-4 AM Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.

Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 AM



SLICK MICK'S

19 Eglin Parkway NE, Fort Walton Beach 850-864-5577

When: 3-7 PM daily.

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR

1193B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar 850-651-5100

When: Monday-Friday, 11 AM-7 PM

Drink Specials: \$1 off all Twisted (house) wines.

Posture Equals Performance... or Just a Healthier Lifestyle

By Carl "Redbeard" Simpson

I find myself smiling when talking to people about the importance of posture. I can still see my grandmother getting onto young Carl about slouching in my chair. Man, if she only knew that I would grow up to harp on people about their posture, she'd be proud.

In adulthood, I've become more aware of muscle imbalances and how they directly relate to poor posture. Issues with numbness in my fingertips and pain in my left arm plagued me and my quality of life. As a Brazilian jiujitsu and kickboxing student, I came to fear a possible neck injury and the repercussions of such.

Lucky for me, I was blessed to have a physical therapist as a friend. He put me through an evaluation, and then he began to hammer away at those imbalances and poor standing posture. In my case, years of too many forward "push" type movements, combined with glory benching in the gym, had created an imbalance between my pectoral muscle on the front and my rotator cuff in the shoulder alongside weaker back muscles.

All of this led to an impingement intruding on a nerve giving me the weakness and numbness—hey, at least it wasn't my neck. After this discovery, I knew I needed to make a change and I started doing some of the exercises you will read about today. I was eventually pain free and actually became stronger!

There are so many easy postureimproving exercises anyone can incorporate into their weekly routine. Simple tricks to keep the pain away or reduce it, and be a healthier you. Let's discuss...

I reached out to **Scott Rusin,** MPT CSCS—a physical therapist and owner of iPerformance Center physical therapy clinics located in Destin and Pensacola—about a few of the most effective corrective exercises we can do to improve some of the more common imbalances at home or in the gym.

The first one that came to mind was the glute bridge. To perform a glute bridge, lay flat on the floor with your knees bent and your feet flat on the floor. Keeping your feet hip width apart, lift your hips into the air and squeeze your butt as you hold at the top for a second. Do not hyperextend your spine by going too high, and remember to keep your feet flat on the floor.

Start off with a couple of sets of 20, working your way up to 50 uninterrupted. You can eventually progress to single leg or weighted variations. Athletes in particular, look into the weighted hip thrust variations for big strength gains. The benefits of building up your glutes are wide ranging from improved posture and battling against lower back pain to looking better in jeans and being a better dancer. My point is, build up your butt!

Also great for posture are hip abduction exercises. These play a huge role in building up the smaller muscles associated with the lower back/glute area. The glute medius, minimus and the tensor fascia lata are all key in improving posture and stability when standing, moving, or during athletic movements. Weakness in these muscles can lead to lack of hip stability, lower back, knee pain, ankle pain and injury.

The resisted side step is a fantastic way to strengthen these muscles quickly. With a resistance band loop placed around your calf, stand with your knees slightly bent with your feet hip width apart. Start side stepping with your toes and hips still pointed forward, keeping tension in the band as you bring your standing leg towards the moving one. Don't try to take big steps. Have a band that provides tension all the way through the step, so that you feel resistance even with small steps. Take about 15 to 20 steps to the side and then return the opposite way.

Do this for a couple sets. As you progress in your strength, you can add a tighter band and more steps. This exercise is a killer. You should feel this on the rear sides of your hip line and in your glutes. Side effect—it also makes you look better in pants as well as a better squatter in the gym.

Last but not least, lets address Bilateral External Rotation. This exercise helps tremendously with strengthening the upper back, rear deltoids and the infamous rotator cuff. Dysfunction in these muscle



groups can lead to neck pain, back pain, shoulder pain and even numbness in the arm in my case. These areas are the victims of people staring at their phones, laptops, tablets and computer screens all day. We all sit there with shoulders rounded forward, judging whatever pics our friends posted on Facebook.

Let's get that addressed ASAP with Bilateral External Rotation! Grab an elastic band in both hands with your palms facing up and elbows against your sides. Keeping your elbows at your sides, pull the band apart by rotating your hands outward against the tension of the band. As you are rotating your hands out, squeeze your shoulder blades together on the backside. Shoot for two sets of 20, progressing to 50 uninterrupted.

Simple, right?

Additional note: To see some visuals of any of these exercises, visit **posturebyiperformance.com**.

I hope this helps some of the aches and pains and emphasizes the importance of strengthening those neglected areas. If you have any questions about this or any other health and exercise inquiries, please email me at redbeardstrong@outlook.com.

I look forward to helping everyone here at *Beachcomber*. Let's go kick some butt!

Carl "Redbeard" Simpson is a fitness junkie, certified personal trainer and nutritionist, and dedicated martial arts practitioner. He is committed to helping people be the best version of themselves. "Move better – be better – Redbeard Fitness!"

Ice Skating, Tubas Ring in the Holidays at Baytowne

By Lauren Sage Reinlie

In Florida, temperatures rarely dip enough to qualify as wintery weather. The Village of Baytowne Wharf is giving people a chance to get into that blustery holiday spirit anyway with an ice skating show—on real ice.

All winter, Baytowne has an ice skating rink that is open to the public. On **Dec. 13**, two internationally renowned figure skaters will perform there for Baytowne's fourth annual *Ice Skating Extravaganza*.

"It really gets you into the spirit to get to watch an ice skating performance in Florida. It's not something you usually see in this area," says **Leighann Elliott,** events manager for Baytowne Wharf. "It's a lot of fun for the whole family and really a treat for people who miss the cold weather."

This year, Olympic winner Dylan David Moscovitch and professional figure skater Kristin Cowan will perform two shows, at 6 and 7:30 PM. Before and in between performances, spectators can lace up their own skates and join the pros on the ice.

In the 2014 winter Olympics, Moscovitch won a silver medal as part of Canada's figure skating team. He has now retired from competitive skating but continues to skate professionally.

Cowan has entertained crowds of all ages all over the world. She has been a part of *Holidays on Ice* and *Disney on Ice*, where she played Ariel from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*.

"We are really excited to have them out here," Elliott says. "It's going to be a great show."

Not only does the presence of ice provide an opportunity to feel the wintery vibe, but Baytowne itself really comes alive during the holidays.

"Out here in Baytowne, all the restaurants and shops are all decorated for Christmas," Elliott says. "We have a big Christmas tree. You can get in the spirit just walking around, but then we have an ice skating rink and a light show as well."

The light show, which is coordinated to holiday music, runs every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 6, 7 and 8 PM. through **Dec. 21.** During the Ice Skating Extravaganza, the show will be held before, in the middle and after the performances.

The Ice Skating Extravaganza is a free event. To join the pros on ice, spectators can pay the regular rate of \$11 for an hour on the rink. Skate rental is \$3. The rink will be open through **Feb. 1, 2020.**

Learn more at BaytowneWharf.com.



Ice skating stars Kristin Cowan and Dylan David Moscovitch perform at the Village of Baytowne Wharf Friday, Dec. 13.

Photo courtesy of the Village of Baytowne Wharf.

A HOLLY JOLLY TUBA CHRISTMAS

The following night, **Dec. 14,** Baytowne Wharf hosts its annual *Tuba Christmas*. About 150 tuba players of all ages will perform holiday classics.

For this unique event, the tuba players practice the music in advance but come together to play for the first time at the event. Anyone with a tuba is invited to join in the fun.

Tuba Christmas will be held from 5 to 7 PM in the Events Plaza. Admission is free.

Lauren Sage Reinlie is a freelance journalist living in Freeport. She has written and edited for newspapers and magazines for over 10 years. Her writing has received several statewide honors, including for her work covering the U.S. military and military life in Northwest Florida. She can be reached at lauren.sage.edwards@gmail.com.



Photo courtesy of the Village of Baytowne Wharf.

Fun Facts About the Harbor Boat Parade

By Chris Manson

This year's event, happening Sunday, **Dec. 15,** on the Destin Harbor, is the 33rd annual boat parade sponsored by the Destin History & Fishing Museum. It starts at 6 PM.

"The first museum—called the Destin Fishing Museum—was located in the old Jitney Jungle, now the McGuire's area," says **Kathy Marler Blue,** Executive Director of the Destin History & Fishing Museum.

The old museum was started by members of Destin's fishing boat family,

and they started the boat parade. "I wasn't part of the planning back in those days," Ms. Blue tells *Beachcomber*—she was a member, but did not serve on the museum board at the time.

"The parade has evolved to include eight categories of boats and a total of 10 awards," she says.

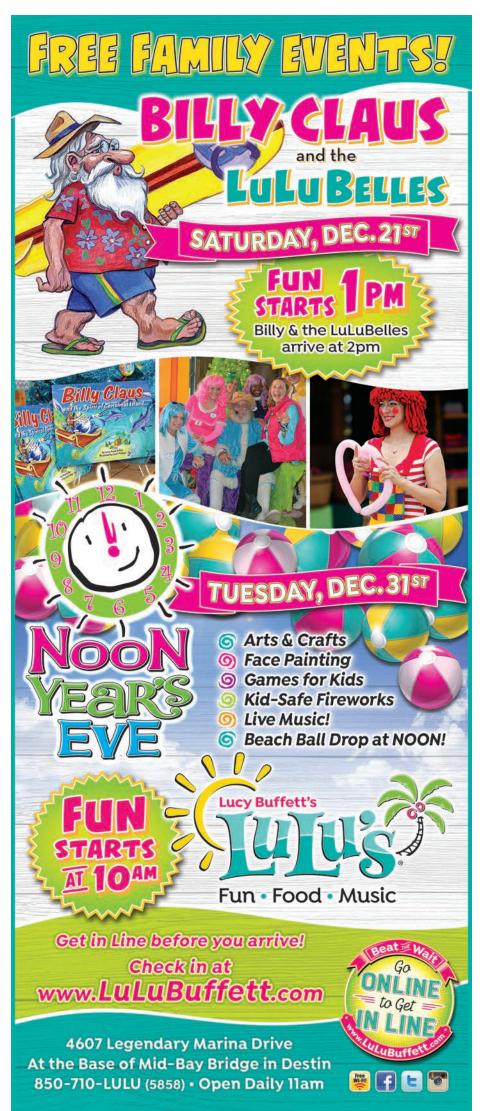
This year, *Beachcomber* is proud to sponsor the Charter/Commercial 31 foot and over category. Yours truly will serve as a judge for the parade, along with Drew McDowel from Schwab and City of Destin Information Officer Catherine Card.



This year's master of ceremonies is Destin City Councilman Cyron Marler.

Land – Air – Sea Productions, who displayed great eyes during the Market Shops' Bloody Mary Festival in November, will photograph every boat in the parade. Each registered boat will receive a picture.

In addition, our friends at HarborWalk Village will put on a big fireworks show immediately after the parade. I hope to see everyone there.



Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Jan. 2 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, **Dec. 19,** or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

THROUGH SATURDAY, FEB. 1, 2020

BAYTOWNE ON ICE

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin **BaytowneWharf.com**

The seasonal ice rink is the perfect opportunity to share some favorite holiday traditions. Hours vary daily.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM 850-689-5850 Locally grown produce and more.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

YOUNG WRITERS CLUB FOR KIDS

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 3:30-4:30 PM

Youseemore.com/walton

Write and share stories, improve your writing skills, and plan for developing your techniques. All supplies provided, and no registration is required. Call Linda at 850-267-2809 for more info.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

EMERALD COAST WILDLIFE REFUGE GRAND OPENING

3051 Clopton's Circle, Navarre, 9 AM-1 PM
The Refuge opens its doors to the public after
25 years with educational booths, craft tables,
and tours. Plus—flag raising ceremony at
8:30 AM.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET *Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM*

GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM 850-689-5850

Locally grown produce and more.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

FLIGHT NIGHT

Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar 850-651-5100

Wine flights are \$2 off from 5 PM to close.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM 850-689-5850 Locally grown produce and more.

Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin
The run club meets at Camille's for coffee at
6 AM, then embarks on a barefoot beach run
at 6:15.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

LADIES' NIGHT

Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin

www.CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

Half off drinks for the ladies! Two bucks off sushi rolls!



The Henderson's third Sweet Sunday event, held in October, drew over 1,000 locals and visitors to the Destin resort. The event raised a total of \$4,000 for the Sonder Project, a global nonprofit charity that focuses on strengthening communities through food security, clean water, housing and education. These funds are earmarked for the charity's efforts in the Panhandle and beyond.

From left—Kim Catellier, The Sonder Project; Antonia Poate, The Henderson; Taylor Sheekley, Proffitt PR; and Jessica Bracken, Proffitt PR.

Photo by Alissa Aryn Commercial.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

5 PARTIES ON THE HARBOR!

MAIN STAGE // 7PM: FLASH FLOOD 9:30PM: DAVIN MCCOY & THE RESOLUTIONS

STARTING AT 10PM:

HARRY T'S // KARAOKE THE NIGHT AWAY COYOTE UGLY // PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999 JACKACUDAS / NEON & RETRO DJ DANCE PARTY MARGARITAVILLE / MASQUERADE PARTY

FREE TO THE PUBLIC **BALL DROP COUNTDOWN & FIREWORKS** AT 8PM & MIDNIGHT







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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 | 7:00PM

COCKTAIL HOUR **4-COURSE DINNER** 2 FIREWORK SHOWS DANCE ALL NIGHT LONG

WITH NATE SEXTON & THE MIDNIGHT KISS

EMERALD GRANDE HARBORWALK VILLAGE

\$125++ Per Person

RESERVATIONS: 850-424-0622

Accommodations: 800-676-0091 EmeraldGrande.com

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM 850-689-5850

Locally grown produce and more.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

TIM GREATHOUSE BOOK SIGNING

Barnes & Noble, Destin, 2-6 PM

Meet the author of the children's books *Christmas Under the Fiery Star* and *the Highest Love Won the Princess.*

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

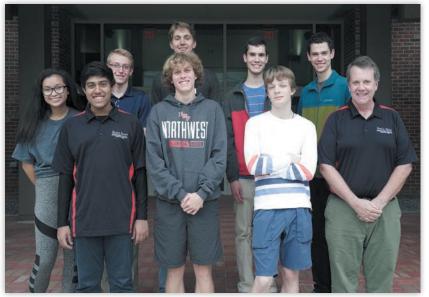
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM

GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM 850-689-5850

Locally grown produce and more.



Congrats to the Northwest Florida State College Brain Bowl team, who recently competed in the Santa Fe Fall Invitational at Santa Fe College in Gainesville. The A-Squad won the tourney, going 8-0 in their matches and sealing their victory over Chipola College, 630-190. They also beat the national record by 35 points.

Back row, from left—Lana
Vo, Brandon Williams,
Sheppard Plenge, Daniel
Neidigk and Jason Neidigk.
Front row, from left—
Teertho Bhattacharya, Collin
McGovern, Zane Schmidt
and Brain Bowl faculty
advisor Dr. Kurt Teets. Not
pictured—Stephanie Logan.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

THROUGH TUESDAY, DEC. 31

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

Historic DeFuniak Springs

DeFuniakSprings.net/Visitors



The theme of this year's seasonal light spectacular is "Holiday Movies." Entry fee is \$3 per person, ages 6 and under FREE. Purchase tickets and season passes (\$35) at the gate located at 3 Circle Drive. Call 850-892-8500 for more info.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS THROUGH DEC. 22

VISIT WITH SANTA

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 1-4 PM

HarborWalkVillage.com

Kids' crafts, letters to Santa station and visits with St. Nick himself. All of Santa's guests receive a special treat and a FREE photo.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6-SATURDAY, DEC. 7

12 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6, 7 and 8 PM

BaytowneWharf.com

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

ANNUAL UGLY SWEATER PARTY!

Louis Louis, Santa Rosa Beach, 9 PM
Show off your tackiest, while **DJ Michael Disciple** spins and the U.S. Marines collect
unwrapped toys for children in need.

FOURTH ANNUAL GRAYT HOLIDAY MARKET

Grayton Beer Company, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 AM-4 PM

GraytonBeer.com

Vendors, festive craft beers, food for purchase, and an appearance by **Santa Claus** at noon.

HOGWARTS YULE BALL

Fort Walton Beach Public Library, 5 PM 850-833-9590

Guests of all ages welcome and encouraged to dress in their house colors or wizarding finest. Games, crafts, trivia, prizes, live music and more at this FREE event.

HOLIDAY ON THE LAWN

Watersound, Inlet Beach, 2-6 PM
Christmas carolers, photo booth, kids' games and holiday crafts, plus a performance of Every Christmas Story Ever Told by The REP Theatre at 2 PM, followed by a 5 PM screening of the immortal classic The Muppet Christmas Carol

UGLY SWEATER PUB CRAWL

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-9:30 PM

HarborWalkVillage.com

on the lawn.

Play a game of "Drink Specials Bingo" to win raffle prizes. Wrap up the evening with the Ugly Sweater Contest at Coyote Ugly.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7-SUNDAY, DEC. 8

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Emerald Grande Ballroom, HarborWalk Village, 8-11 AM

HarborWalkVillage.com

A festive breakfast with hot chocolate station and visits with Santa. Reservations highly recommended. Call 850-424-0622.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

AJ's on the Bayou, Fort Walton Beach, 11 AM-3 PM

Eventbrite.com

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 5 PM

HarborWalkVillage.com

The Ballet Conservatory of the Destin School of Music & Dance performs on the main stage.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TOUR

Village Church, Destin, 7 PM

VillageBaptist.org

available online.

Get into the Christmas spirit with **Newsong**, **Mac Powell & the Family Reunion**, and former Third Day vocalist **Citizen Way**. Tickets

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

ICE SKATING EXTRAVAGANZA

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6 and 7:30 PM

BaytowneWharf.com

FRIDAY, DEC. 13-SATURDAY, DEC. 14

12 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6, 7 and 8 PM

BaytowneWharf.com

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

THE CITY OF DESTIN'S 35TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 10 AM-Noon CityOfDestin.com

CityOrDestin.com

This year's theme is "Santa's Workshop." Floats start moving at the Downtown Destin Shopping Center and head west down U.S. 98. Call 850-654-5184 for more info.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Veteran's Memorial Park, Pensacola, 9 AM

WSRE.org

Wreaths Across America will lay wreaths at the Wall South at 9 AM, **Toys for Tots** will collect gifts from 2 to 5 PM, **The Pensacola Opera Carolers** perform from 3:30 to 5 PM, and **Santa Claus** arrives on a fire truck for photo opportunities starting at 4 PM. Plus—Christmas tree lighting at 4:45 PM with complimentary hot chocolate, coffee, pastries and cookies. FREE.

TUBA CHRISTMAS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 5-7 PM

BaytowneWharf.com

YULE OF YESTERYEAR

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso 10 AM-4 PM

Heritage-Museum.org

Food, crafts, live music and more. Stop in for your last minute Christmas shopping.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14-SUNDAY, DEC. 15

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Emerald Grande Ballroom, HarborWalk Village, 8-11 AM

HarborWalkVillage.com

A festive breakfast with hot chocolate station and visits with Santa. Reservations highly recommended. Call 850-424-0622.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

THE 33RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY ON THE HARBOR DESTIN BOAT PARADE

Destin Harbor, 6 PM

Lights and holiday cheer, followed by a fireworks finale and fire spinning performance on the HarborWalk Village main stage.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20-SATURDAY, DEC. 21

12 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6, 7 and 8 PM

BaytowneWharf.com

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

BILLY CLAUS AND THE LULUBELLES

Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Destin, Starts at 1 PM **LuLuBuffett.com**

Billy and the LuLuBelles arrive at 2 PM. FREE family events and tons of fun.

HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-9 PM

HarborWalkVillage.com

FREE screening of Will Ferrell's beloved *Elf* under the stars.

WINTER WONDERLAND

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM

BaytowneWharf.com

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 5 PM

HarborWalkVillage.com

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Events

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 AM

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SUNDAY, DEC. 15

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TUESDAY, DEC. 17

FLIGHT NIGHT

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Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin The run club meets at Camille's for coffee at 6 AM, then embarks on a barefoot beach run at 6:15.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

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www. Camilles At Crystal Beach. com

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THURSDAY, DEC. 19

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SATURDAY, DEC. 21

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Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
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THURSDAY, DEC. 26

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

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GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM

GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM 850-689-5850

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SUNDAY, DEC. 29

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
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TUESDAY, DEC. 31

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM 850-689-5850 Locally grown produce and more.

RISE & RUN

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The run club meets at Camille's for coffee at
6 AM, then embarks on a barefoot beach run
at 6:15

SIP SIP HOORAY! WINE TASTING & FOOD PAIRING

Camille's Café, Destin, 3-5 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE



TUESDAY, DEC. 31

BAYTOWNE COUNTDOWN

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6 PM-1 AM

BaytowneWharf.com

EMERALD GRANDE ROCKIN' NEW YEAR'S EVE

Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, 7 PM **EmeraldGrande.com**

Cocktails, four-course dinner, and two fireworks shows. Plus dance music with **Nate Sexton & the Midnight Kiss.** Cost is \$125 per person. Call 850-424-0622 for reservations.

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HarborWalkVillage, Destin

HarborWalkVillage.com

Beachcomber Music Award winners **Flash Flood** perform on the main stage at
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Ugly (Party Like It's 1999), Jackacudas (Neon
& Retro DJ Dance Party), and Margaritaville

(Masquerade Party). Ball drop countdown and fireworks at 8 PM and midnight.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER

George's at Alys Beach

A four-course dinner created by **Chef Camille Withall** featuring a seafood bowl, Wagyu filet, lamb rack and roasted half poulet. Seatings at 6, 6:30, 8 and 8:30 PM. Cost is \$130 for adults, \$40 for kids. Make your reservations by calling 850-641-0017 or emailing **info@georgesatalysbeach.com.**

NOON YEAR'S EVE

Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Destin, Starts at 10 AM **LuLuBuffett.com**

Arts and crafts, face painting, games for kids, kid-safe fireworks, live music and Beach Ball Drop at noon.

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Pescado Seafood Grill and Rooftop Bar, Rosemary Beach, 5 PM

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ALIVE CHAPEL Sundays – coffee fellowship, 9 AM; praise and worship, 9:30 AM; pastor's message, 10 AM. Located at 12381 U.S. 98, Miramar Beach. **www.theALIVECHAPEL.org**

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH Mass schedule (through Sept. 30)—Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Saturday, confessions from 4 to 4:30 PM, mass at 5 PM; daily mass Monday through Friday, 8 AM; First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM; First Saturday Mass, 8 AM Holy Days of Obligation, 8 AM and 6:30 PM 307 Beach Drive, Destin.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sundays – 7:30 AM beach services at the Crab Trap, Destin; and the Crab Trap, Okaloosa Island Boardwalk. Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at 9 AM. Contemporary Xalt service at 10:30 AM in the Destin Life Center. Traditional service in the Sanctuary at 11 AM. Sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park, 5:30 PM. **DestinUMC.org**.

Christmas concert with **Kim Cannon & the Alleluia Orchestra** Sun., **Dec. 15**, 4-6 PM at Destin Life Center. Christmas Eve candlelight services Tue., **Dec. 24**, 4 and 6 PM at Destin Life Center, and 8 PM in the Sanctuary. FREE community Christmas dinner Wed., **Dec. 25**, noon-2 PM at Destin Life Center.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer and outreach at 5 PM. Wednesday service at 6:15 PM. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GATHERING 151 Eglin Pkwy NE, Fort Walton Beach. **comegather.com**.

GOODNEWSUNITEDMETHODISTCHURCHSundayservices-8:15AM,traditional;9:30and11AM,contemporary.4747U.S.98West,SantaRosaBeach,850-622-9191.

Christmas Eve services Tue., **Dec. 24**, at 3, 4:30 and 6 PM.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE ON THE BEACH Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Beach, across from Gulf Place; and at Inlet Beach, at the Orange Street beach access. Worship at 9:30 AM at Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar, on the corner of 393 and 30A. And worship at 11 AM at our 98 Church Campus, at 3834 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach. For more information, call 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

Christmas Eve Worship on the Beach Tue., **Dec. 24**, 3:30 PM at Inlet Beach and Ed Walline Park.

ISLAMIC DA AWA CENTER OF FWB 6 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-0373, **lavidaeterna.org.**

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES 216 Jonquil Avenue NW, Fort Walton Beach.

MOSSY HEAD CHURCH OF CHRIST 657 Deshazo Road, Crestview, 850-951-0434,

mossyheadchurchofchrist.com.

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meets outdoors every Sunday at 9 AM in the Navarre Beach parking lot, located at 8579 Gulf Boulevard. Children's church provided, pets always welcome. Look for the white tents. 850-939-1533, www.navarrebeachchurch.com.

NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

RESURRECTION ANGLICAN CHURCH 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 AM Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

Christmas Eve mass Tue., **Dec. 24**, 5:30 and 8 PM. Christmas Day mass Wed., **Dec. 25**, 9 AM.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil, 5:30 PM, 7 PM (en Espanol); Sunday, 8 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM; Mon.-Sat., 8:30 AM; confessions every Saturday, 4-5 PM. For Holy Day services, please call the office. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org.**

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nightown building. **www.shorelinechurch.net.**

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 AM 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 AM and 5 PM 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 AM 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

Pets

PET OF THE ISSUE Charlie

Chris Lesak writes: "This is Charlie, an 11-year-old standard poodle full of love. She's adored by the family, especially the grandchildren."

Chris and wife Gerri are Charlie's third dog parents. Charlie was rescued from Enterprise, Alabama, at the age of 5. "All he wants to do is be loved and love you back." The Lesaks have four daughters and 10 grandchildren, all of whom live within three miles of them in Niceville—plenty of love to go around...



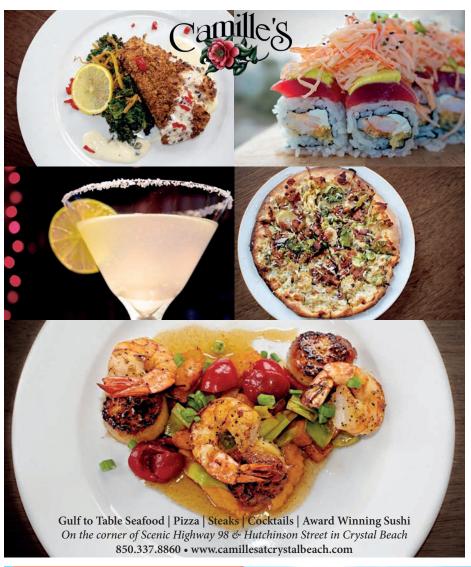
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ADOPT, DON'T SHOP Tigger

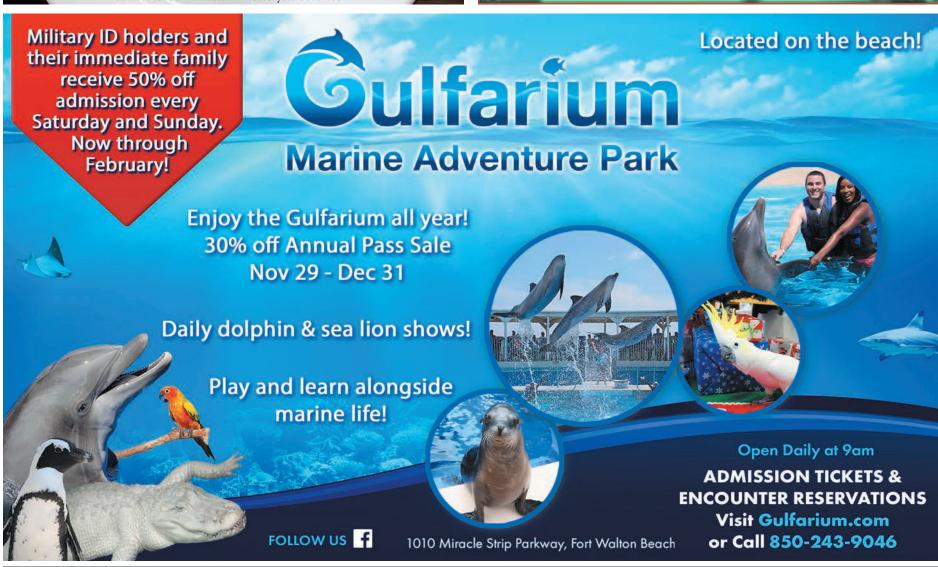


Lorraine Whetsone from PAWS in Fort Walton Beach writes: "Meet Tigger. This handsome Treeing Walker Coonhound mix has been at the Panhandle Animal Welfare Society since March. He needs to be home for Christmas. His previous owners had a baby and said they didn't have time for him anymore. This sweet, playful boy is four years old, housebroken, takes treats gently and knows basic commands.

"He's good with kids and cats, but prefers dogs his size or smaller. Large dogs intimidate him. He's neutered, up-to-date on rabies and vaccinations, microchipped and ready to go to his forever family." Tigger's adoption fee is \$70. Call 850-243-1525 or email <code>pawsdogadopt@gmail.com</code> for more information. Tigger's ID number is A205227.







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EDUCATIONAL

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FARMERS MARKETS

30A FARMERS MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS'
 MARKET AT SANDESTIN 600 Grand
 Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays
 year-round, 9 AM-1 PM
- 30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY Sundays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 AM-1 PM

GOLF

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REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. **www.regattabay.com.**

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MUSEUMS

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MUSIC STORES

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Road NW, Fort Walton Beach, 850-384-6654. www.fortwaltonvintagerecords.com

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 AM with the last tour at 3 PM The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 AM to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION

AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the AMenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK

This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

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THRIFT STORES

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By the Numbers: 12Eleven



By Nikki Hedrick

With an influx of regular gigs in the Destin area, **12Eleven** have steadily made a name for themselves in the region. The average member age is only 22 and the five-piece also includes a sax to round out their lineup, culminating in a high energy night of music that can tackle any genre.

"So, it was my freshman year in college, and it had really just started out as a two or three-piece." lead vocalist **Jairuzniel "Jai" Rojas** says.

One day, Rojas followed the sound of a guitar through the college dorms. "I knocked on their door and that's how I met my lead guitarist, Daniel (Hunt). And so we basically started—it wasn't even really a band, we just started playing music together for about a year. And we'd play a couple of gigs out at the bars and cafe shops or whatever up here in Troy."

Now the 12Eleven lineup includes Rojas, Pierce Gilmore (drums), Daniel Hunt (lead guitar), Denver Wallace (bass), and Eric McCauley (sax/vocals).

"I would say (we're) entertaining," says Rojas. "We're goofy. We mess around with each other, kind of bring that to the space. So me and Eric talk and then just try to be comedic. At least we think we're funny."

For the styles of music 12Eleven is apt to include, very little is out of reach. Rojas lists R&B, pop, and country before explaining, "We like to play a lot of genres because we all come from different genres, all five of us. And then we really just like playing. We like to play to the people, but we also like to play what we like to play.

"And then when it comes to our originals... That's also a whole mix, because we're just a whole bunch of genres. But the originals I write are mostly depression because for about a year and a half I was heartbroken by girls, I guess."

Although Rojas says that period has mostly passed, the bulk of their originals are waiting to be unleashed upon the world. With two singles previously released across all platforms, 12Eleven is working towards a larger goal. "Over the summer

and fall now, we've been recording an EP and it's going to have a least six songs."

The self-titled debut should receive the finishing touches soon, while they eye an early 2020 release date

When it comes to the band's memorable but simple moniker, Rojas says it originates after a party in Atlanta. "I just walked into a room and I said to Troy, 'Eleven-twelve, twelve-eleven.' I don't even remember it, but apparently that's what I said. And everyone was like, 'Hey man, you said this last night. What did that mean?' I was like, I have no idea.

"A week or two later, me and Daniel were thinking about what should we name the band (and) I was like, dude, just 12Eleven."

From James Brown to Bruno Mars, and many surprises in between, a night out with 12Eleven will keep you dancing on those cool Florida nights.

Keep up with the band at 12elevenband.com.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Lame: 2020 Edition

By Chris Manson

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Class of 2020 nominees were announced in November, and I've enjoyed watching the heavy and not-so-civil debate on Facebook. I'm lucky to have some of the great music journalists as friends.

Here are my thoughts on the nominees.

PAT BENATAR

Pro: Released some fine songs while I was attending high school—1981-1985, generally considered by me to be the Golden Age of Music.

Con: Has a tendency toward the half-assed. Was reportedly a trained opera singer.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND

Pro: Made lots of money for their record label.

Con: I never "got" this band. Probably never will.

DEPECHE MODE

Pro: One of the seminal electronic pop bands. "People Are People" was a hit while I was attending high school.

Con: Nowhere near as good as New Order. Is New Order even in the Hall of Fame?!

THE DOOBIE BROTHERS

Pro: *Minute by Minute* is a flat-out great record. The band just announced a 50th anniversary tour with Michael McDonald, the man that truly elevated the Doobies.

Con: They're not really brothers, not a single one of 'em.

WHITNEY HOUSTON

Pro: Made lots of money for her record label.

Con: A great voice, but other than "How Will I Know," "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" and Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You," she fell way short on strong material. And she's not really rock and roll, is she?

JUDAS PRIEST

Pro: Rockers for sure, and pretty heavy at that.

Con: Inspired Mark Wahlberg's godawful movie *Rock Star*.

KRAFTWERK

Pro: THE "Krautrock" band. **Con:** The only "Krautrock" band.

MC5

Pro: Long overdue, their *Kick Out the Jams* and *Back in the U.S.A.* albums are tried and true classics.

Con: Nothing that I can think of.

MOTORHEAD

Pro: Along with AC/DC, one of the purest rock and roll bands of the late 20th century.

Con: Who the hell's gonna fill Lemmy's shoes at the induction ceremony performance?

NINE INCH NAILS

Pro: Trent Reznor is some kind of musical genius, though I prefer his David Fincher soundtracks to anything he did with NIN.

Con: Responsible for Lil Nas X's "Old Town Road."

THE NOTORIOUS B.I.G.

Pro: Tupac Shakur was a great actor, but Biggie was the real deal.

Con: None. If attitude is everything, B.I.G. is true blue rock and roll.

RUFUS FEATURING CHAKA KHAN

Pro: Funky soul and rock and roll go hand in hand.

Con: I can name all of their "big" hits on one hand.

TODD RUNDGREN

Pro: Something/Anything is a flat-out masterpiece—"I Saw the Light" and "Hello, It's Me" have stood the test of time

Con: Produced that first Meat Loaf album. Also—The New Cars.

SOUNDGARDEN

Pro: Great heavy rock band. One of the high points of the so-called "grunge" era. Chris Cornell a superb vocalist, gone too soon—and when is Audioslave eligible?

Con: None.

T.REX

Pro: Sorry, I've drawn a blank.

Con: The Power Station's version of the band's "Bang a Gong (Get It On)" is superior, but maybe only because it came out while I was attending high school.

THIN LIZZY

Pro: "The Boys Are Back in Town" is a classic rock staple.

Con: What else did these cats do?

vote, and those ballots will be counted in a shady, underhanded way to determine the final 2020 inductees. The ceremony will be held in Cleveland on **May 2, 2020.**As usual, I'll be out in the parking lot

Discover more at rockhall.com or vis-

it the museum in Cleveland. Fans can

As usual, I'll be out in the parking lot protesting the continued omission of Warren Zevon, The J. Geils Band, etc.

Upcoming Music Releases

DEC. 6

Artists United Against Apartheid, Sun City

Mary J. Blige, HERStory Vol. 1*

Camila Cabello, Romance

John Hiatt, Only the Song Survives*

Reba McEntire, Read My Mind (25th Anniversary Edition)*

Liam Payne, LP1

Lee "Scratch" Perry, Heavy Rain*

Buddy Rich, Just in Time: The Final Recordina*

The Who. WHO*

XXXTentacion, Bad Vibes Forever

DEC. 13

Lil' Kim, 9

Saigon Kicks, *The Atlantic Albums*Blake Shelton, *Fully Loaded: God's Country*

Stone Sour, Hello, You Bastards: Live in Reno*

Warren Storm, Taking the World, By Storm*

Stormzy, *Heavy Is the Head* Harry Styles, *Fine Line**

DEC. 20

Solomon Burke, The Complete Atlantic Albums

Jerry Garcia & Meri Saunders, GarciaLive Volume 12: January 23rd, 1973

Frank Zappa, Hot Rats (50th Anniversary Edition)*

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)

DEC. 27

Deep Purple, *Live in Rome 2013**Fall Out Boy, *Believers Never Die: Greatest Hits, Volume Two**

Neville Staple, Rude Boy Returns* Steven Wilson, Grace for Drowning

- * Also on Vinyl
- ** Also on Vinyl and Cassette

Sources: Allmusic.com, Pauseandplay.com



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Music > The Listening Room: Records, Podcasts and More

Musicians - send your CDs, vinyl and/or cassettes to Beachcomber, 543 Harbor Blvd., Suite 103, Destin, FL 32541. Email MP3s and streaming links to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

ALTERNATIVE

Lucy Dacus 2019

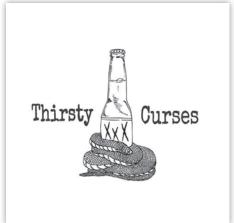
Matador



The current darling of the alternative scene scores with some fine originals-notably "My Mother & I"-and choice covers of Springsteen, Phil Collins and Wham! I used to despise "Last Christmas" til Lucy worked her magic on it.

- Chris Manson

Thirsty Curses Thirsty Curses Thirstycurses.bandcamp.com



I'm a sucker for pop smarts, intelligent and witty lyrics, and a bang-up whistling tune. This record has all three, and for the life of me, I can't figure out why Thirsty Curses only hasn't broken 700 followers on the leading social media site. Facebook really is evil.

- Chris Manson

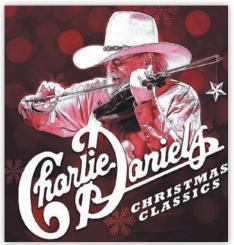
CHRISTMAS

Charlie Daniels

Christmas Classics

Blue Hat Records

Clearly a compilation drawn from different eras and albums—though it's hard to get any info, even from the official Charlie website. The transition from "O Little Town of Bethlehem," complete with Linus Van Pelt-inspired narration, to the dirty rockin' "Blue



Christmas" is jarring, and there's not enough of Mr. Daniels' fiddle playing. Still, there are worse ways to kick off the holiday season.

- Chris Manson

Puss N Boots

Dear Santa Blue Note



A joyful and triumphant five-song holiday EP. "Christmas Butt" may not become a standard, but that's no excuse not to shake yours.

- Chris Manson

CLASSICAL

Alexandre Tharaud Versailles

Erato



Parisian pianist Alexandre Tharaud grew up in a musical and theatrical family. His latest, Versailles, focuses then). Instead he makes maximum on a set of composers—notably Lully, Rameau, Charpentier, Couperin and others, all of whom gigged at the Palace of Versailles in the 17th and 18th centuries. Tharaud makes no attempt to reproduce the actual instruments of the time (no pianos

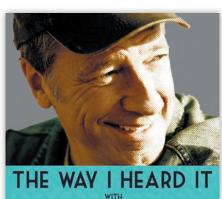
use of the sophistication and force of his modern instrument, managing a one-man show that might have brought all three King Louis-es out of their gilded seats.

- Bruce Collier

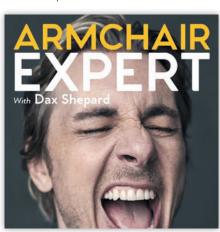
OUR PODCAST PICKS FOR 2019

Sometimes it's hard to judge a good podcast by listening to the first few episodes. The podcaster might be new to the format or nervous or they haven't adjusted to their partner yet. So we usually try to withhold judgement until we've listened to a new podcast for a

For our 2019 picks, Beachcomber is giving you a mixture of new and tried and true.



If you remember the Paul Harvey radio show—yes, we are dating ourselves—you'll love The Way I Heard It from Mike Rowe. He calls it short mysteries for the curious mind with a short attention span. His wit and charm flow through each story while dripping little hints of whom the story is about until the reveal at the end. Well written and totally worth the time...if you have a short attention span!



Next up is the Armchair Expert. Dax Shepard is best known for the 2017 film ChiPs and as Crosby Braverman on the NBC dramedy Parenthood from 2010-15. Currently, he costars in ABC's Bless This Mess and the Netflix series The Ranch. He's also married to Kristen Bell, whom we all love.

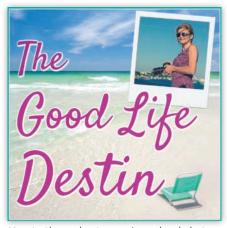
Busy as he may be, Shepard takes time to put up a very entertaining podcast with some

boyish humor and a handful of somewhat serious topics. It's an eclectic mix, but he's had Edward Norton, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, and Chelsea Handler on, to name a few. Plus a variety of therapists on whom he practices mental gymnastics.



Going to the darker side, people are getting hooked on Crime Junkie. It has quite a following here on the Emerald Coast—just ask around. This true crime podcast is hosted by Ashley Flowers and co-hosted by Brit Prawat. Both are from Indianapolis, Indiana, and they've produced over 100 episodes since launching in December of 2017.

It's sort of like talking crime with your best friends, and they stay on point and build the suspense. If true crime is your game, become a Crime Junkie. You'll thank us later.



New to the podcast game is our local photographer **Sarah Noonan.** If you haven't seen her photography down on the docks and around Destin, you are a missing a sight to behold. Start following her on Instagram immediately at TheGoodLifeDestin.

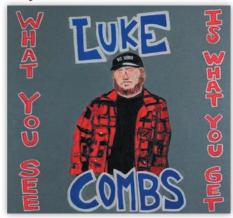
Sarah is incredibly talented and now she's extending her **Good Life Destin** brand to a podcast. She's only done a few episodes so far, interviewing local businesses, but we like supporting the newcomers—especially when they're local and as talented as Sarah.

Music > The Listening Room: Records, Podcasts and More

COUNTRY

Luke Combs

What You See Is What You Get Sony Music Nashville



Gotta love a country guy who name checks Maxwell House coffee as opposed to, say, Jack Daniel's and Marlboros. Miraculously, all 15 tracks click, with the best of the best being "Every Little Bit Helps"—one of the finest post-breakup tunes in ages.

- Chris Manson

HOMEGROWN

Tribe Zion

Get Tribal Independent



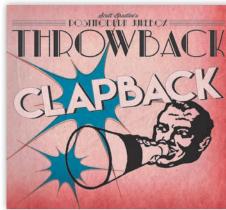
The long-awaited full-length from local fusion-reggae movers touches on true life revelations, love, and the road that Tribe Zion has traveled to reach this point. It's strikingly honest, while framed with island-inspired rhythms and a melting pot of musical influences that culminate in their fluid trademark style. Get Tribal isn't just a feather in Tribe Zion's cap, it's a beautiful peacock feather ready to make a statement.

- Nikki Hedrick

JAZZ

Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox

Throwback Clapback Mudhutdigital.com



Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox (PMJ) has a unique approach to its music. The New York-based collective takes modern songs-well, pretty modern—and runs them through vintage genres like swing or ragtime. If it sounds too ironic for grownup listening, it's actually witty and fun. It might even make you love stuff you previously hated. Case in point: I love Elton John, but can't stand "Bennie and the Jets." But revamped as a growling Vegas number a la Ella Fitzgerald (singer Aubrey Logan), I finally get it. And "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" should never be done by anyone other than Rogelio Douglas Jr.

Keith Jarrett Munich 2016

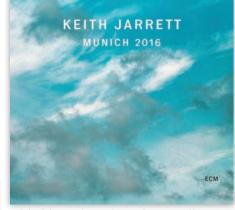
ECM Records

Pianist Keith Jarrett goes live in this lengthy concert recording. Jarrett has the reputation of making his audiences more nervous than they might ever

make him, but Bavaria seems to agree

- Bruce Collier





with him. The 15-track recording (86 minutes) features 12 compositions titled simply "Part I - XII," and three standards, including a dreamy "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and a brooding, slightly menacing cover of "It's a Lonesome Old Town." Jarrett dips into folk, blues and gospel, and offers some of his trademark impromptu non-verbal vocalizing. This might be the perfect album to acquire a taste for this eccentric musical genius. - Bruce Collier

RAP/HIP-HOP

Kanye West

Jesus Is King

Getting Out Our Dreams II / Def Jam Recordings



Love him or hate him, he's nothing if not sincere on this short but sweet foray into religious music. And though he's palling around with Joel Osteen now, this is Kanye's most listenable since his "George Bush doesn't care about black people" period.

- Chris Manson

30A FEST

Adia Victoria Silence

Atlantic

On rare occasions, I push play on an album and fall in love before the first song fades out. That was exactly my experience upon stumbling on Adia Victoria, who will be performing at the 30A Songwriters Festival next month. She's more than a stunning, versatile voice—she's blues swagger, unapologetically strong, and ready to open a few eyes with her gothic sweetness. It's easy to see Victoria



catapulting further into the national limelight.

Nikki Hedrick

THROWBACK

The Band

The Band

Capitol



My favorite album ever, at least for that snowed-in weekend back in the late '80s when I had it on constant replay. Who'd have thought the definitive Americana record would be made by a group that was mostly Canadians? The deluxe reissue includes early takes and The Band's complete appearance at Woodstock.

- Chris Manson

NOW That's What I Call 80s Hits & Remixes

NOW



Any '80s compilation that doesn't include Michael Jackson, Prince and/or Madonna can hardly be called definitive, but this one never claims to be. A solid listen, and I like the way the songs blend into each other. Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock's "It Takes Two" may have dropped after I graduated from high school, but I still cherish its inclusion.

- Chris Manson

Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com** to get your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach HAYES & HOWLAND, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach. com

DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

Jazz Jam, 6 PM

G.I. JADE TIKI BAR AND BISTRO, Fort Walton Beach

BOBBYD, 6-9 PM Ladies Night

JOHN WEHNER'S VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com Karaoke

MUSEUM OF COMMERCE, Pensacola, wuwf.org

BEN BEDFORD – HIROYA TSUKAMOTO – THE MACS, 6 PM

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RadioLive presented by WUWF 88.1. Tickets are \$10. Doors open at 5 PM.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (East Bar)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM Ladies Night

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola RIFF RAFF. 8 PM

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

EDWARD'S, Rosemary Beach

FOGHORN'S, Panama City Beach GROUP THERAPY, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 THE SHAKEDOWN, 8 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (East Bar)

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar, 850-651-5100 BILL GARRETT, 6-9 PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

FOGHORN'S, Panama City Beach GROUP THERAPY, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 THE HOODOOS, 8 PM

G.I. JADE TIKI BAR AND BISTRO, Fort Walton

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HOG'S BREATH, Destin KEVIN CARSON. 5-9 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SLICK MICK'S, Fort Walton Beach ROB ROMANS, 6:30 PM

VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com

HOTTER THAN JULY: A Stevie Wonder Tribute, 8 PM

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

AJ'S. Destin

JONES AND COMPANY, 4 PM (Bimini Stage)

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.comDEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

EDWARD'S, Rosemary BeachJIM COUCH

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – TAREVA HENDERSON BOONE, et al., 11 AM

THE FROG POND AT BLUE MOON FARM, Silverhill, Alabama

GRAYSON CAPPS, 2 PM

G.I. JADE TIKI BAR AND BISTRO, Fort Walton Beach

BOBBYD, 3-6 PM

JIMMY'S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton Beach DONNIE MORGAN, 6-10 PM

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM Sunday Funday

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS, 11 AM-2 PM

MONDAY, DEC. 9

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Blues Jam, 7 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola COLTER WALL, 8 PM

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

EDWARD'S, Rosemary BeachJIM COUCH

HOG'S BREATH, Destin BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM Taco Tuesday

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM



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Live Music

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach JB DYESS. 5-9 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

PRIME'D AT THE PALMS, Destin BRANDON DAY, 6-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (East Bar)

SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach

Sounds of the Season, 5-6:30 PM Featuring the student band from Seaside Neighborhood School.

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com

VOICES OF VALHALLA, 6-8 PM Wednesday Night Concert Series – Holiday Edition

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach HAYES & HOWLAND, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach. com

DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

G.I. JADE TIKI BAR AND BISTRO, Fort Walton Beach

BOBBYD, 6-9 PM Ladies Night

GRAYTON BEER COMPANY, Santa Rosa Beach

CHRIS ALVARADO – JACOB MOHR – JESSIE RITTER, 6-8 PM

Merry Little Christmas Concert presented by Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast. Tickets are \$40 a pop and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary beer ticket.

JOHN WEHNER'S VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com Karaoke

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (East Bar)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM *Ladies Night*

VILLAGE CHURCH, Destin

NEWSONG – MAC POWELL & THE FAMILY REUNION – CITIZEN WAY, 7 PM Purchase tickets at VillageBaptist.org.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

EDWARD'S, Rosemary BeachJIM COUCH

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

THE SHAKEDOWN, 8 PM

JIMMY'S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton Beach GROUP THERAPY, 9 PM-1 AM

JOHN WEHNER'S VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com REHAB Back 4 Good Tour

MODICA MARKET, Seaside

THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (East Bar)

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar, 850-651-5100 DONNIE MORGAN. 5-8 PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

AMVETS POST #35, Crestview REDSTONE. 8 PM-Midnight

BAXTER'S BAR & GRILLE, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 7-11 PM

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin GUNNER. 9 PM

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS. 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 CATALYST, 8 PM

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

KEVIN CARSON, 5-9 PM

JOHN WEHNER'S VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com
THE WILDFLOWERS: Tom Petty Tribute Band

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com THE WILDFLOWERS, 8 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com TUBA CHRISTMAS. 5-7 PM

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

AJ'S, Destin

CHASIN' JAYMIE, 4 PM (Bimini Stage)

BROWNSVILLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Pensacola

MATTHEW WEST – MATT MAHER – I AM THEY – HANNAH KERR, 7 PM

Jessie Ritter's Favorite Christmas Music

Beachcomber Music Award winner **Jessie Ritter** performs at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast's Merry Little Christmas Concert Thursday, **Nov. 12**, along with Chris Alvarado and Jacob Mohr, at Grayton Beer Company in Santa Rosa Beach.

ALBUMS

Kacey Musgraves, A Very Kacey Christmas (2016) She & Him, A Very She & Him Christmas (2011) ...and anything Michael Bublé does.

SONGS

Casting Crowns, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" (from the 2008 album *Peace on Earth*)

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach. com

DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

EDWARD'S, Rosemary BeachJIM COUCH

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – TAREVA HENDERSON BOONE, et al., 11 AM

THE FROG POND AT BLUE MOON FARM, Silverhill, Alabama

SHAWN MULLINS, 2 PM

G.I. JADE TIKI BAR AND BISTRO, Fort Walton Beach

BOBBYD, 3-6 PM

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM Sunday Funday

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS, 11 AM-2 PM

MONDAY, DEC. 16

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Blues Jam, 7 PM

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

EDWARD'S, Rosemary Beach JIM COUCH

HOG'S BREATH, Destin BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM *Taco Tuesday*

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach JB DYESS, 5-9 PM



ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach

Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

PRIME'D AT THE PALMS, Destin BRANDON DAY. 6-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (East Bar)

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com

NICEVILLE OPUS ONE, 6-8 PM Wednesday Night Concert Series – Holiday Edition

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach HAYES & HOWLAND, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.

DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 BOARDWALK JAZZ BAND Christmas Show. 7 PM

G.I. JADE TIKI BAR AND BISTRO, Fort Walton Beach BOBBYD. 6-9 PM

Ladies Night

HOG'S BREATH, Destin BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

JOHN WEHNER'S VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com Karaoke

Live Music

REDD'S FUELING STATION. Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (East Bar)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM Ladies Niaht

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach GROUP THERAPY 6-10 PM

CLUB LA, Destin

THE MOLLY RINGWALDS 7 PM

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

EDWARD'S, Rosemary Beach JIM COUCH

MODICA MARKET, Seaside THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (East Bar)

SLICK MICK'S AT BLUEWATER BAY GOLF **COURSE. Niceville**

ROB ROMANS, 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin **GUNNER**

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

DOCIE'S DOCK, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 7-10 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach DONNIE MORGAN, 4-7 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 THE SHAKEDOWN, 8 PM

HOG'S BREATH. Destin KEVIN CARSON, 5-9 PM

JIMMY'S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton Beach HABITUAL OFFENDER, 9 PM-1 AM

JOHN WEHNER'S VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com THE DIRTY DOORS: Doors Tribute Band

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach. ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtvard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com

THE DIRTY DOORS: A Doors Tribute, 8 PM

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

AJ'S. Destin

JONES AND COMPANY, 4 PM (Bimini Stage)

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

EDWARD'S, Rosemary Beach

JIM COUCH

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach

DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN - TAREVA HENDERSON BOONE - SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

G.I. JADE TIKI BAR AND BISTRO, Fort Walton

BOBBYD, 3-6 PM

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach

FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM Sunday Funday

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS, 11 AM-2 PM

MONDAY, DEC. 23

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Blues Jam, 7 PM

TUESDAY, DEC. 24

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach. com

TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

EDWARD'S, Rosemary Beach JIM COUCH

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ. Destin. LaPazDestin.com SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM Taco Tuesday

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER. 7-10 PM

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

PRIME'D AT THE PALMS, Destin BRANDON DAY, 6-10 PM

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin

THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

Jazz Jam. 6 PM

G.I. JADE TIKI BAR AND BISTRO, Fort Walton **Beach**

BOBBYD, 6-9 PM Ladies Night

JOHN WEHNER'S VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com Karaoke

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach MAX McCANN, 8-11 PM

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

EDWARD'S, Rosemary Beach

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 CADILLAC WILLY, 8 PM

HOG'S BREATH, Destin SUPERFACED, 8 PM-Midnight JOHN WEHNER'S VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com YING YANG TWINS

MODICA MARKET, Seaside

THE STEENOS. 5-7 PM

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach EMERALD GOLD, 8-11 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

TBA. 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (East Bar)

SLICK MICK'S AT BLUEWATER BAY GOLF COURSE, Niceville

DONNIE MORGAN, 6-9 PM

VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com YING YANG TWINS, 8 PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin **GUNNER. 9 PM**

CUVÉE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin THE BONHOEFFERS, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 GROUP THERAPY, 8 PM-Midnight

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

KEVIN CARSON. 5-9 PM

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach **BOUKOU GROOVE, 8-11 PM**

REDD'S FUELING STATION. Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

JONES AND COMPANY, 4 PM (Bimini Stage)

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

EDWARD'S, Rosemary Beach JIM COUCH

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN - TAREVA HENDERSON BOONE - SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

G.I. JADE TIKI BAR AND BISTRO, Fort Walton Beach

BOBBYD, 3-6 PM

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM Sunday Funday

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach JAMAH TERRY, 8-11 PM

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS, 11 AM-2 PM

MONDAY, DEC. 30

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Blues Jam. 7 PM

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach

TRUE SOUL: Prince Tribute. 8-11 PM

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

BAXTER'S BAR & GRILLE, Fort Walton Beach BOBBYD, 8 PM-Midnight

New Year's Eve Bash. Light hors d'oeuvres, finger food, party favors, and champagne toast at midnight. Cost is \$18 per person. Reservations recommended—call 850-812-6868.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.

TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

EDWARD'S, Rosemary Beach JIM COUCH

ELKS, Okaloosa Island

ROSHAMBEATLES, 8 PM

Admission price is \$30 and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast, party favors and snacks at midnight. Purchase tickets at ELKS.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, HarborWalkVillage.com

FI ASH FLOOD, 7 PM DAVIN McCOY & THE RESOLUTIONS, 9:30 PM New Year's Eve Party on the Harbor. Ball drop countdown and fireworks at 8 PM and midnight.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

JOHN WEHNER'S VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com

TITANS OF ROCK: Journey and Bon Jovi Tribute Bands

Special Olympics Benefit

Taco Tuesday

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com SHANE CURLE 6-9 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com REDD. THE SINGING BARTENDER. 6:30-10 PM

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8 PM

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

Open Mic Live. 7-10 PM

VILLAGE DOOR MUSIC HALL, Destin, VillageDoorMusicHall.com

TITANS OF ROCK: A Journey and Bon Jovi Tribute, 8 PM Special Olympics fundraiser with poker tables, blackjack, craps and Texas Hold 'Em. Plus buffet

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dinner and toast at midnight.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach JB DYESS, 5-9 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

PARADISE BAYOU. 6-10 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton **Beach**

Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com

Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com

JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard) MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (East Bar)

Recommended Reading

Kevin Wilson

Nothing to See Here

Nothing to See Here is about female friendship and human connection. Narrator Lillian, determined to propel herself from poverty, earns a scholarship to an elite boarding school where she meets her roommate Madison. When drugs are found in their room, Madison's father pays off Lillian's mother in exchange for Lillian taking the blame. Lillian is expelled, destining her to a life of living paycheck-topaycheck in her mother's attic.

Several years later, Madison calls Lillian desperately needing help. Lillian is hired as a nanny to Madison's twin stepchildren, who inexplicably burst into flames when provoked. As Madison's

Upcoming Books

Michael Howarth, Movies to See Before

You Graduate from High School

Pablo Hidalgo, Star Wars: The Rise of

Skywalker: The Visual Dictionary

Phil Szostak, The Art of Star Wars: The

Drew Daywalt, Love from the Crayons

Martin Popoff, Satisfaction: 10 Albums

Ann Wilson from Heart. Paperback.

Suzanne Ryan, Beyond Simply Keto:

Kelly LeVeque, Body Love Every Day:

BJ Fogg, PhD., Tiny Habits: The Small

Alex Snodgrass, The Defined Dish:

Changes That Change Everything

Whole30 Endorsed, Healthy and

The Radical Choice to Not Drink in a

Wholesome Weeknight Recipes

Holly Whitaker, Quit Like a Woman:

Culture Obsessed with Alcohol

Sources: Amazon.com, Pauseandplay.com

WWW.BEACHCOMBERDESTIN.COM

Choose Your Life-Changing 21-Day

Your Worth. Paperback.

Path to Food Freedom

That Changed My Life. Foreword by

Shifting Your Mindset and Realizing

Rick Steves Italy 2020. Paperback.

Dav Pilkey, Dog Man: Fetch-22

Junji Ito, *No Longer Human*

Rise of Skywalker

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husband is embattled in ongoing been a good year for political campaigns, discretion regarding the children's condition is essential.

How can I convey the hilarity, the beauty, and the quirkiness in this lovely little novel? The flaming children bring new life to burnout Lillian, who forges connections with the kids by treating them like humans, not freaks. That Kevin Wilson, a male writer hailing from Sewanee, Tennessee, can perfectly depict female "frenemy-ship," to the magnitude of which the reader can feel the undercurrent of distrust, adoration and adrenaline between Lillian and Madison, is a true testament to his ability. Nothing to See Here is a pageturning, enchanting, and delightfully weird story you won't regret picking up. - Marilu Morgan

Lee Child

inducing.

Blue Moon: A Jack Reacher Novel

- Chris Manson

Delacorte Press

elevator rides. Mr.

characters from the

worlds of journalism,

politics, law enforce-

ment and alt-right ex-

tremism to masterful

effect, and the climax

is near heart attack

combines

Barclay

In which our hero's good deed on behalf of an elderly mugging victim escalates into all-our war with Albanian and Ukrainian crime gangs. Better than average entry in the series, and longtime fans will be rewarded with a high body count. The audio version, narrated by Scott Brick, is recommended to readers who like a little carnage with their commute.

BIOGRAPHIES & MEMOIRS

Edmund Morris, most famous for

his biographical trilogy on Theodore

Roosevelt, died in May of this year, so

Edison is likely his final work. The book

is written chronologically in reverse,

starting with Thomas Edison's death in

1931 and retreating decade-by-decade

to his childhood. At first, it's confusing-

Morris doesn't always frame events with

dates-but once acclimated, I saw what

Edison's mind combined the versatility

of Da Vinci, the intuition of Einstein,

and the pragmatism of Napoleon. What

better way to understand it than by

peeling off the layers in search of the

core? I knew very little about Edison,

and was amazed to learn that the

man who invented the light bulb and

phonograph spent most of his life

- Bruce Collier

Edmund Morris

the author was doing.

Edison

Random House

- Chris Manson

Linwood Barclay

Elevator Pitch

William Morrow

Between this thriller and Megan Goldin's superb Escape Room, 2019 has not

Amazon Charts

For the Week of Nov. 17, 2019

- 1. Lee Child, Blue Moon. Reviewed in this
- 2. John Grisham. The Guardians
- 3. J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- 4. J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
- 1. John Grisham, The Guardians
- 2. Janet Evanovich, Twisted Twenty-Six
- 3. Lee Child, Blue Moon
- 4. Jeff Kinney, Diary of a Wimpy Kid:
- 5. Vi Keeland & Penelope Ward, Dirty

NONFICTION – MOST READ

- 1. Malcolm Gladwell, Talking to Strangers. Reviewed in this issue.
- 2. Michelle Obama, Becoming
- 3. Tara Westover, Educated
- 4. David Goggins, Can't Hurt Me
- 5. Ronan Farrow, Catch and Kill

NONFICTION – MOST SOLD

- 1. Malcolm Gladwell, Talking to
- 2. Donald Trump Jr., *Triggered*
- 3. Nikki R. Haley, With All Due Respect
- 4. Anonymous, A Warning
- 5. Tara Westover, Educated

Source: Amazon.com

FICTION – MOST READ

- Sorcerer's Stone

- Wrecking Ball

almost completely deaf.

Henry Holt and Co.

Elton John's autobiography follows right behind Rocketman, the film based on his life. Sixty years after starting out as a musician in a suburb of London, John went from a difficult childhood to playing his first concert in America at age 23. Currently, he's on his farewell tour. One of the top-selling solo artists of all time, Elton John beat his addiction to drugs food, and alcohol and raised millions of dollars in the global fight against HIV/

AIDS. The book tells the life story of a truly gifted musician and performer.

- Samantha Lambert

NONFICTION Malcolm Gladwell

Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know

Little, Brown and Company

The latest from the author of Outliers and David and Goliath is essentially about how and why human beings misunderstand one another. Gladwell analyzes case studies of human interactions gone wrong, both in history and in current news. With a social science perspective, he revisits the cases of Amanda Knox, Jerry Sandusky, Sandra Bland and Bernie Madoff, among others, to reveal what we may have misunderstood back when these folks were making headline news.

This book is a quick and fascinating read, an experience much akin to listening to Malcolm Gladwell's podcast Revisionist History. In fact, the audiobook version is produced to sound just like a podcast, with interviewees speaking their own parts and Gladwell narrating in his signature style.

- Marilu Morgan

CHILDREN'S FICTION **Brady Smith with Tiffani Thiessen**

You're Missing It!

Nancy Paulsen Books

You're Missing It! is a beautiful picture book depicting two children's adventure in the city park. From the kids' perspective, excitement abounds all around them-birds singing, squirrels racing, even a pack of dogs chasing a jogger! But the children's parents are missing out because they can't take their eyes off of their phones.

Kids will love the vibrant illustrations. And the story is a good reminder for parents to put the phone down and delight in the small wonders of our world, as children eagerly do.

- Marilu Morgan

DEC. 10 Colleen Hoover, Regretting You Oliver North, The Rifleman

- 5. J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the

FICTION - MOST SOLD

That's a Wrap... Kite Film Fest 2019

Our own Nikki Hedrick writes: "The annual Kite Film Fest completed its fourth year Nov. 10 at Club LA in Destin. The short film festival was born out of a love of film and wanting to support our growing creative community. This year, it reached new milestones, including the largest submission pool yet—22 shorts shown and 14 awards."

Photo by Edward A. McGrath.

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

JON FAVREAU'S "ELF"

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-9 PM

www.HarborWalkVillage.com

FREE screening of the wildly popular holiday film starring Will Ferrell, James Caan, Ed Asner, Bob Newhart, Zooey Deschanel, Mary Steenburgen, Amy Sedaris, Peter Dinklage and many others.

THIS MONTH'S HALLMARK HOLIDAY HEARTWARMER HIGHLIGHTS

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

A Christmas Love Story

Kristin Chenoweth, Scott Wolf, Keith Robinson, Kevin Ouinn.

From the "Hallmark Hall of Fame" (whatever that means).

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

Christmas at Dollywood

Danica McKellar, Niall Matter, and (thank God) Dolly Parton borsolf

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy

Paul Greene, Maggie Lawson, Barbara Niven.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

Holiday Date

Brittany Bristow, Matt Cohen.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas Eric Mabius.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

A Cheerful Christmas

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

When Calls the Heart Christmas

Erin Krakow, Pascale Hutton, Jack Wagner. We thought Hallmark Channel would bring out the big guns for Christmas Day, but do indeed remember Mr. Wagner from General Hospital and his godawful '80s ballad "All I Neeeeeeeeeeeeee."

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

New Year, New Me

Aimee Teegarden.

Check with your television provider for times and encore showings.

Source: Alexander Kirk, www.9news.com.



UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/ VOD RELEASES

DEC. 10

The Cotton Club Encore. Francis Ford Coppola's underrated 1930s-era drama, with never before seen footage.

Hustlers. Jennifer Lopez and fellow strippers turn the tables on Wall Street jerks.

It: Chapter Two. Based on the novel by Stephen King.

Once Upon a Time...in Hollywood. Quentin Tarantino's sprawling—and wildly entertaining—epic set in 1969. With Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie, Kurt Russell and Al Pacino, plus a superb kid actor and an even better dog actor.

DEC. 17

Abominable. Sometimes, you *can* judge a movie by its

Ad Astra. Acclaimed space flick starring Brad Pitt.

Downton Abbey. The Crawleys and their staff prepare for a visit from the King and Queen of England.

Overcomer. The inspiring story of basketball coach John Harrison earned an A-plus rating from Cinemascore audiences.

Rambo: Last Blood. Sylvester Stallone in his umpteenth go-round as the tortured Viet Nam vet.

DEC. 24

Judy. Renee Zellweger as Ms. Garland.

Source: Metacritic.com

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

DEC. 6

The Aeronauts. Felicity Jones as daredevil balloon pilot Amelia Wren. Bored yet?

Playmobil: The Movie. Animated; voices of Daniel Radcliffe, Jim Gaffigan, Anya Taylor-Joy.

DEC. 13

Black Christmas. Sorority girls are stalked by a maniac in what's sure to become a holiday favorite.

Jumanji: The Next Level. Admittedly, not much of a climb based on the previous *Jumanji* movie.

Richard Jewell. Based on the story of the security guard whose life was ripped apart when he became the number one suspect in the 1996 Atlanta bombing. Directed by Clint Eastwood.

DEC. 20

Cats. The inexplicably popular stage musical comes to the big screen.

Star Wars Episode IX: The Rise of Skywalker. Chewbacca or no, good luck beating *Cats* at the box office.

DEC. 25

Just Mercy. Michael B. Jordan, Brie Larson, Jamie Foxx.

Little Women. Writer-director Greta Gerwig takes on Louisa May Alcott's timeless classic.

Spies in Disguise. Will Smith, Tom Holland.

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Superintelligence. Melissa McCarthy's appliances talk back to her.

Source: Metacritic.com

Upcoming Shows...and More

THURSDAY, DEC. 5-FRIDAY, DEC. 6

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL: A LIVE RADIO PLAY"
Sprint Theater, Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville,
7-30 PM

MattieKellyArtsCenter.org

A live dramatic and musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' Immortal Classic, with carols of the season performed by student vocal group **Madrigal Singers**, plus student actors and members of the **Northwest Florida State College Dance Ensemble**.

Tickets are \$25 and include intermission reception with holiday treats provided by The Eventful Planner. Call 850-729-6000 or purchase online.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL: A LIVE RADIO PLAY"

Sprint Theater, Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville,
2 PM

MattieKellyArtsCenter.org

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, 2 PM HarlemGlobetrotters.com

The "Pushing the Limits" tour celebrates (among other things) the 10th anniversary of the four-point shot, a shot 30 feet from the basket...something the Globetrotters introduced in 2010. Pre-game, fans will get a chance to come out on the court and meet their favorite Globetrotters for autographs and photos—and even learn how to spin a ball on their finger just like the stars.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8-MONDAY, DEC. 9

AUDITIONS FOR STAGE CRAFTERS' "THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE"

Stage Crafters Rehearsal Warehouse, Fort Walton

StageCraftersFWB.com

Registration is at 1:30 PM Sunday, followed by auditions at 2. Monday registration is at 6 PM, with auditions starting at 6:30. Roles are available for 17 females and 10 males of varying ages. No prepared material is needed, but come ready to dance. If you own tap shoes, bring 'em!

The show will be performed March 13-15 and 20-22. Email questions to Melissa at Melissa. Wolf.Bates@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12-SATURDAY, DEC. 14

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY" 560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM

EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

A new holiday classic, this imagined sequel to *Pride and Prejudice* was adapted for the stage by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon. The comedy—appropriate for ages 7 and up—is directed by **Nathanael Fisher** and stars **London Bailey**, **Phil Biedron**, **Christina Coulter**, **Katie Cross**, **Truman Griffin**, **Rachel Lewis**, **Charlie Meeks** and **Tara Padgett**.

Tickets are \$32 for adults, \$30 for seniors (ages 55 and up) and military, and \$28 for students (ID required).



Cast members from Emerald Coast Theatre Company feelin' the holiday spirit.

"EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 PM

LoveTheREP.com

All of your holiday favorites packed into one high-energy 90-minute show. Tickets are \$30 (\$24 for REP members), \$20 for kids 12 and under.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13-SATURDAY, DEC. 14

FORT WALTON BEACH COMMUNITY CHORUS' "AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS" Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7 PM

Fwbcc.org/tickets

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for children under 18, seniors and military families; and \$9 for groups of 10 or more. Purchase online or at Alphy's Catfish House and Eagles Nest in Niceville, Connect with Flowers in Shalimar, and Vintage Barn in Fort Walton Beach.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY" 560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

"EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD" The REP Theatre, Seaside, 2 PM LoveTheREP.com FORT WALTON BEACH COMMUNITY CHORUS' "AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS"
Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 3 PM

Fwbcc.org/tickets

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18-MONDAY, DEC. 23

"EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 PM

LoveTheREP.com

Additional performances at 2 PM Dec. 20-23.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19-SATURDAY, DEC. 21

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM

EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM

EmeraldCoastTheatre.org





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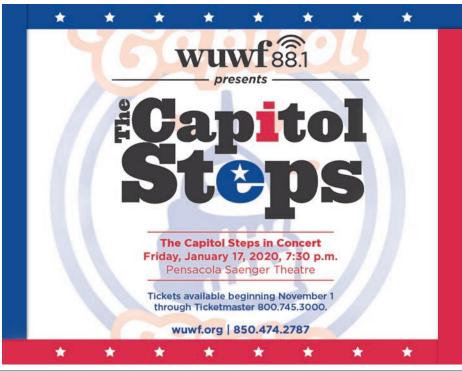
Mary Bennet, the bookish and oft-forgotten middle child, has her quest for independence sparked by an unlikely visitor.

Performances will be at 560 Grand Blvd, upstairs.



Tickets or info, call 850-684-0323 or visit

EMERALDCOASTTHEATRE.ORG



The Art of SoWal's Donna Vann...



The wildly popular Art in Public Places continues with artist **Donna Vann** displaying her work at the Coastal Branch Library in Santa Rosa Beach throughout December. Library hours are 9 AM-6 PM Mondays and 9 AM-5 PM Tuesday through Saturday.

Ms. Vann took her first art lesson in 1997, after watching a demonstration by artist Karen Kardel. She was encouraged to try it and studied oils for five years with local artist Dorothy Starbuck.

Next, the artist decided to take a stab at pastel painting and had four years of guidance with June Holm. Ms. Vann has attended many workshops of well-known artists, including Morgan Samuel Price, Pat Ford, Melody Bogle and Tom Hughes.

She paints mainly in pastels, but also does oil, oil and cold wax, acrylic, and occasional watercolor. While her subjects are varied, Ms. Vann primarily paints landscapes or nature. "There's nothing more beautiful than God's marvelous creation, the earth and all that's in it," she says.

In recent years, Ms. Vann has explored abstract and mixed media, and she says she's open to all avenues of the art world.

Donna Vann is a member of the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County, and her work has been exhibited at the Visual Arts Center, DeFuniak Springs' annual Chautauqua Assembly, and the

members' tents at ArtsQuest and the Flutterby Festival.

Her paintings have been featured on the cover of *Beachcomber* and in the CAA's Calendar of Art. You can also find Ms. Vann's work in private collections in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri and Florida...but call before you show up.

For more info, email **donnavann@** gmail.com.



ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center, Fort Walton Beach. More info at **artsdesignsociety.org.**

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 AM-noon both days and 6:30-9 PM Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with Marcy Eady is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 PM. Marcy Eady teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (no pottery) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

Dec. 12. Sip and Paint Class with Marcy Eady, 6:30-8:30 PM.



Cost is \$40, \$25 for ADSO members, all supplies included. The theme of this particular session is "Painting Surrealism as Miro" with a very modern flair. Bring your sip of choice and enhance your skills.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit www.CHROMA30A. com for more info.

DE'FRANCE INDOOR FLEAMARKET,
ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES, 230 Eglin
Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach. Call
850-314-7500 to register. More info at
defranceantiques.com.

Dec. 13. Sign Painting Workshop with Anissa, 6:30-9 PM. Choose from one of Anissa's many signs or have her create a custom one for you. Cost for standard sign is \$40, standard double

board \$50, custom sign single board \$50, custom sign double board \$60. Payment in advance is requested.

Dec. 19. Furniture Painting Workshop with Mark, 5:30-7:30 PM. Bring and end table, side table, small dresser, etc. and have Mark help you complete your piece using De'France's Maison Blanche Vintage Furniture Paint. And leave with a completed piece! Cost for the workshop is \$75 and includes all paint, sandpaper, wax and personal instruction. Registration required.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit **Heritage-Museum. org** to sign up or for more info.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 AM-4 PM. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 AM. All ages classes at 11 AM, 1:30 and 3 PM Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at \$85, kids at \$40. Sign up online at **ShardShop.com** or call 850-231-0544.

VELIA LALA DESIGNS, 310 Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-6204 for more info.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH DEC. 13. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY'S (ADSO) "DREAMSCAPES" SHOW AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH Have a gander at art that reflects the artists' dreams...or nightmares! Call 850-244-1271 for

THROUGH DEC. 31. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

December's spotlight lands on award-winning acrylic artist **Marie Chapman**, who took a 30-year hiatus from art and is coming back hard.

THROUGH DEC. 31. DONNA VANN EXHIBIT AT COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Ms. Vann paints primarily in pastels, but also works in oil, acrylic and watercolor. Her subjects are varied, but she prefers landscapes and nature. "There's nothing more beautiful than God's marvelous creation, the earth and all that's in it," the artist says.

THROUGH FEB. 14, 2020. ROSEMARY BEACH SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

The second biennial juried art show of contemporary outdoor sculpture along Scenic Highway 30A includes 16 sculptures by 16 artists. More at **rosemarybeachsculpture**.

DEC. 7. ADSO CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

From 10 AM to 4 PM, artists and crafters sell gift-worthy items just in time for the holidays. Hot dogs and burgers, along with chips and drinks, will be available for a \$5 donation, plus bake sale. Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

DEC. 14. ADSO CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

From 6 to 8 PM, enjoy holiday decorations, treats and potluck dinner from ADSO members, plus live and silent auctions. Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

OPENS JAN. 1, 2020. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH



January's featured artist is **Wally Ratcliffe**, whose works include acrylic and watercolor paintings, mixed media, and collages.

OPENS JAN. 7, 2020. ADSO MEMBERSHIP SHOW AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

Members show off their favorite work. Reception scheduled for Friday, **Jan. 10, 2020.** More info at **artsdesignsociety.org.**

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. **www.artfulthings.net.**

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of South Walton's 2018 Artist of Year Kathleen Broaderick. Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). www.CHROMA30A.com 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

G & CO. GALLERY (formerly Geana's Art Gallery) Located in City Market, Destin. An exciting art gallery and full service frame and mirror shop offering a large selection of local, regional and international artists ranging from local photography to original fine art. Quality and value is second to none. We ship worldwide. 850-650-0779. **www.GAndCoGallery.com.**

HH ARTS offers works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein air painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located at 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 AM- 3 PM. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram.

THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin's coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through $the \, sculpture \, garden \, to \, view \, the \, various \, welded$ steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic. palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit justingaffrey.com or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin's most recent creations.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's). Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on Emeril's Florida TV show and HGTV's House Hunters. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 AM to 4 PM. Visit www.mattiekellyartscenter.org or call 850-729-6044.

THE SHARD SHOP open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. **ShardShop. com/Grayton.** Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. **ShardShop.com/Destin.**

VELIA LALA DESIGNS features works from award-winning Velia Lala as well as other local artists working in a multitude of mixed media. The Design Center is one of the few unique gift boutiques left in our area. As well as showcasing her art and that of others, Velia has a great selection of her art printed textile line, clothing and hand embellished jackets. Velia Lala Designs has expanded their offerings this year to include "The Art of Walls," which is a form of creating faux finishes for those one of a kind special accent walls or

entire room changes. The biggest part of the Design Center houses her two studio spaces where you'll find Velia creating her own art as well as conducting ongoing art classes for the public. 310 Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-6204.

THE ZOO GALLERY Created in 1979. Locally owned small business. We focus on quality, handcrafted work by hardworking artists. Our galleries showcase an eclectic range of curated artwork from all over the country, a jewelry collection like no other, plus unique clothing lines for women with soul. We keep a sense of wonder. We stand out from the herd. Located in Grayton Beach across from the Red Bar and in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. **#standoutfromtheherd thezoogallery.com**

CALL TO ARTISTS

Arts and Design Society's "Drunk on Love"

All artists are encouraged to submit work reflecting "the crazy things folks do for love." Cash awards! Turn in work Saturday, **Feb. 1, 2020,** 1-4 PM, and Monday, **Feb. 3, 2020,** 9 AM-noon. The show runs **Feb. 4-21, 2020.** Copy of entry form and additional details at **artsdesignsociety.org.**

ADSO's Cookbook Now Available

ADSO Much Flavor, the Arts and Design Society's new cookbook, is available at the ADSO office in Fort Walton Beach. The perfect holiday gift, the book includes artists' favorite recipes as well as artwork from each contributor.



Cost is \$15 for hard copy or flash drive.

The recipes cover everything from appetizers to desserts, and you can learn more by visiting **artsdesignsociety.org.**



Terry Johnston's "Surfing Santa," a festive 18"x20" canvas. See more of Ms. Johnston's wonderful art at the Arts and Design Society and HH Arts, both located in Fort Walton Beach.

Advice for Beachcombers

Dear Dawn.

My wife and I are coming down to spend a few winter months in a swanky rental in Destin. I'd like to bring our dogs, but my wife doesn't think there are any dog-friendly beaches in Destin. We don't have Internet access, so can't really look this up. Can you look it up for us?

- Chuck M. from Lexington, Kentucky

I appreciate your handwritten letter, Chuck, but I really don't know how you can get by without Internet. How did you find your rental? How will you know what the weather is going to do every day? How will you decide where to have dinner, or who has a good sale going on, or what channel the Dallas Cowboys will be broadcast on? It's mind-boggling.

But, in answer to your question, yes, I can and did look it up for you. It turns out your wife was right, even without Internet access. There are no dogfriendly beaches in Destin, but Miramar Beach does allow dogs to be walked on a leash. The next closest beaches are in Pensacola-Bayview Dog Park and Beach, and both Pensacola Beach West and Pensacola Beach East dog parks. So come on down and bring your fourlegged family members with you!

Dear Dawn.

I do not enjoy freezing cold weather, so come down to Okaloosa Island every year and stay in a condo for a couple of months. My wife of 30 years loves the cold weather and stays home while I escape. The issue is, I have a mistress down here who is becoming more and more demanding. We've been meeting for about 15 years. Why is she suddenly so clingy and needy?

Well, let's see, Mike. You've been cheating on your wife for 15 years with the same woman. Your wife stays home minding the house and taking care of business while you gallivant around. It's hard to believe you've gotten away with this for 15 years, and the only thing you want to know is why your mistress is so clingy. I can only say human nature is we want what we want. And your so-called mistress has finally decided you are so amazingly desirable she wants you 100 percent of the time. That would certainly cause some clinginess on her end, given someone else is clinging to you 10 months of the year while she gets only two.

This sounds disastrous for everyone involved, Mike. I suggest coming clean, figuring out who you want to cling to 100 percent of the time and making some changes in your complicated, tragic life. Not that I'm judging you. Just sayin'.

Dear Dawn.

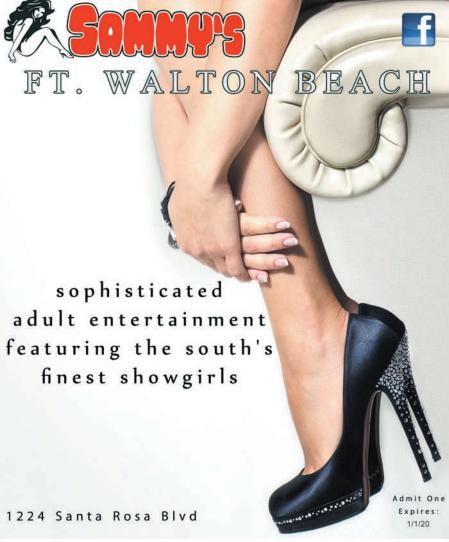
I just found out what a "hot spot" is and how to set one up. This is apparently Technology 101 and I somehow missed it. Where are you, technology-wise?

- Carol M. from 30A

I'm probably in the Technology 301 area. I know how to do what I need to do. Shop. Check the weather. Set up a tee time. You know, the normal. I get blindsided when my mail quits working, but have learned it's best to just wait it out. So yeah, maybe I'm more in the 202 area.

Dawn Bright is an eternal optimist. And that's pretty much all you need to know about her. Email your questions - Mike M. from Dayton, Ohio to office@beachcomberdestin.com.





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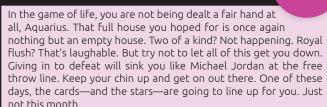
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AQUARIUS

JAN. 21 - FEB. 19



ARIES

MAR. 21 - APR. 20

Another lovely month is in front of you, Aries. And it's the holiday season, so you have even more to look forward to. That generous spirit of yours really shines in December. And although your natural tendency is to claim a handful of Salvation Army Christmas Angels as your own, save some for the rest of us! You naturally spread good cheer in whatever you do, so once again, no advice is needed from this zodiac guru.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The chaos that engulfs you will be even worse this month, Gemini. You have so many to-do lists, you had to go buy another ream of paper. If only you could realistically approach the holidays like normal people do. If only you could get rid of your overachieving hang-ups so you could actually achieve something. You aren't jinxed, Gemini, your problems are your own creations. Suggest putting up a "Closed for Construction" sign and staying in bed all month. You'll thank me later.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUG. 23

Poor Leo. Almost everything you think about your life is absolutely untrue. "I have friends!" No, you don't. "I have a social life." No, you don't. "I, I, I, I, I..." And therein lies your problem. You are so full of yourself there's no room for anyone else. Your unpleasant personality and permanent scowl continue to alienate you. Try this—stand in front of a mirror and work at turning that upside down into a smile. Once you know how it feels to smile, try it out on humans. You'll be surprised at how much a simple smile can do.

LIBRA

SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23

You're so ahead of the game no one else should even consider playing, Libra. "Uncle! Uncle!" should be the only thing you hear as everyone around succumbs to your greatness. You have your multiple Christmas trees up, your house is engulfed in twinkling lights, and you've already purchased most of the gifts you planned to buy. It's actually incredible how much you have accomplished and in such a short amount of time. Oh, to be a Libra!

NOV. 23 - DEC. 21

track record, not being a bad month is actually a good thing. And since it's not going to bad, it would be a good time to try to do some good. Volunteer somewhere. Donate something of value. Buy meaningful gifts for your loved ones. Take advantage of the fact that the negative magnetism normally following you around

PISCES

FEB. 20 - MAR. 20

You'll find yourself surrounded with an entirely new group of friends this month, Pisces. Friends who don't want anything from you other than your company. And some money. Not a lot of money, but it'll add up. So be careful. Your pockets are only so deep. And yes, it's the holidays, but that doesn't mean you need to pay off every Tom, Dick and Harry that comes your way. Spend your hard-earned money on your family and genuine loved ones instead, and this rocky road you've been treading will soon turn smooth.

TAURUS

APR. 21 - MAY 21

Oh, stubborn, stubborn Taurus. You ignored last month's well thought out advice and decided to make vet another stand that proved you are almost always stubbornly wrong. And now it's December. Don't expect any gifts from your co-workers. In fact, don't be surprised if you are "accidentally" left off the Secret Santa list. But put up your tree anyway. That'll give you a glimpse of happiness, goodwill and cheer that you simply won't experience anywhere but your own front room.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 22

A holiday romance is in the air for you, Cancer! Those annoying stars have finally lined up for love! It's going to be a whirlwind of the wonder and excitement of a new relationship. There will be revelations and commitments and so many "a-HA!" moments you won't be able to keep track. Unfortunately, this will only last a couple of weeks. So don't spend your annual pay on a big significant gift, because guess what? It won't be returned to you when those peaceful stars decide to collide.

VIRGO

Despite yourself, Virgo, you somehow made it to December. But the very thought of everything you need to do in December is actually paralyzing you. Don't let it. Your natural logical approach and systematic analysis of every aspect of the holidays will pay off for you if you do it right. Go ahead and make those lists you thrive on. Having it laid out will motivate you. And don't worry about the planets this month either. They're drifting around without any intention of thwarting you. This time.

SCORPIO

OCT. 24 - NOV. 22

December makes no sense to you this year, Scorpio. It feels random and nonsensical. It feels complicated and confused. It feels foreign. This is not because of the stars. This is because you just can't seem to get a handle on your life. You run around like a bull in a china shop knocking over everything and everyone in sight. Try this—put your feet up and reflect on what's really important. Do this, and 2020 may prove to be fruitful. IF you can calm down.

CAPRICORN

DEC. 22 - JAN. 20

After last month's financial disaster, a windfall should be in the works for you. Should be, but it isn't. And now it's December, and you have all those Christmas expenses you no longer have any money for. This would be a good time to take on a second job. And take a hard look at your budget. Cancel those unread subscriptions, unused gym memberships, and weekly home cooking kits. You don't have anyone to cook with anyway, so why bother?

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This isn't going to be a bad month for you, Sagittarius. It's not going to be a good month either, but with your will seemingly subside this month. Temporarily.



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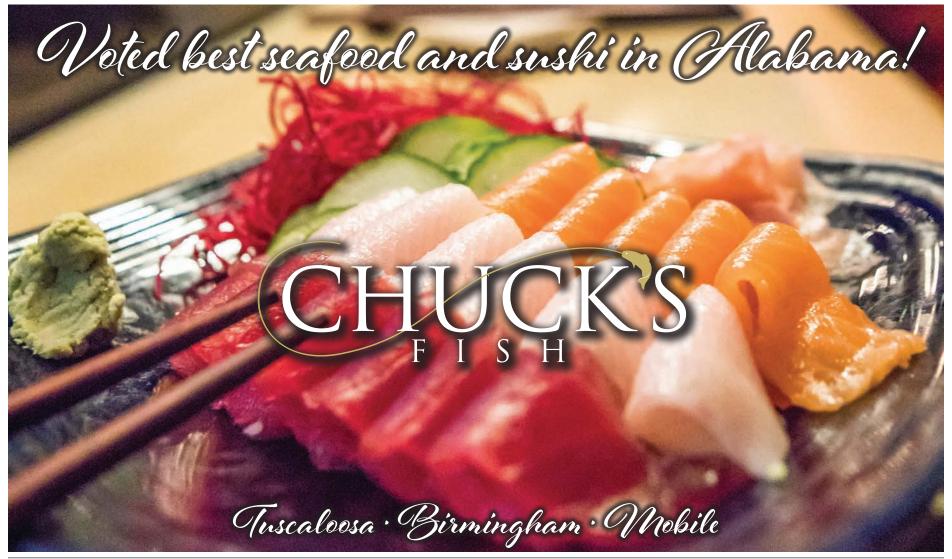


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From the good folks at Save Our Cats and Kittens (SOCKS) in Fort Walton Beach—a yoga pose that cannot be accomplished by most humans. Let's make this cat famous!



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VISIT WITH SANTA

EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 1:00-4:00PM

From Nov 30 through Dec 22, enjoy free kids crafts, a letters to Santa station and visits with St. Nick! All of Santa's guests will receive a special treat and a FREE 4x6 photo by SB Photos.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 7, 8, 14, 15 · 8:00-11:00AM

Start your day with a festive breakfast, hot chocolate station, and visits with Santa! Held in the Emerald Grande Ballroom. Reservations highly recommended: 850-424-0622

UGLY SWEATER PUB CRAWL

DECEMBER 7 · 7:00-9:30PM

Play a game of drink specials bingo to win raffle prizes as you eat, drink & be merry! End the evening with an Ugly Sweater Contest at Coyote Ugly.

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NUTCRACKER BALLET

DECEMBER 8 · 5:00PM

The Ballet Conservatory of the Destin School of Music & Dance performs the Nutcracker on the main stage.

DESTIN BOAT PARADE

DECEMBER 15 · 6:00PM

The Harbor will be dancing with lights & cheer during the 33rd Annual Holiday on the Harbor Destin Boat Parade. FIREWORKS FINALE and Fire Spinning after the parade!

HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

DECEMBER 21 · 7:00pm

Enjoy dinner at your favorite HarborWalk Village restaurant and then join us to watch *ELF* under the stars!

CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

DECEMBER 22 · 5:00PM

Traditional foods, crafts, and a grand Menorah lighting!











